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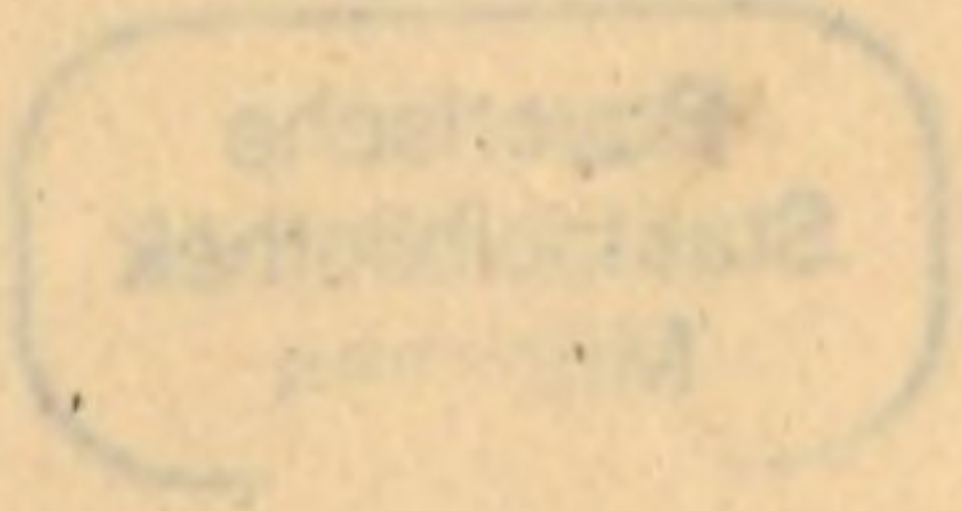
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ACTS AND VOTES, &c.

26 GEORGII II. REGIS.

An Act for the Purchase of the Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and of the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts; and for providing One General Repository for the better Reception and more convenient Use of the said Collections; and of the Cottonian Library, and of the Additions thereto.

WHEREAS Sir *Hans Sloane* of *Chelsea*, in the County of *Middlesex* Baronet, having, through the Course of many Years, with great Labour and Expence, gathered together whatever could be procured either in our own or foreign Countries, that was rare and curious, did, by a Codicil bearing Date the Twentieth Day of *July* in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, and annexed to his last Will and

Preamble, reciting the Codicil to the Will of Sir *Hans Sloane*.

Testament, after having expressed his Will and Desire that his Collection, in all its Branches, might be, if it were possible, kept and preserved together Whole and Intire, in his Manor House in the Parish of *Chelsea*, give, devise, and bequeath, to certain Trustees therein named, all that his Collection or *Museum*, at, in, or about, his said Manor House, consisting of all his Library of Books, Drawings, Manuscripts, Prints, Medals, and Coins, ancient and modern, Seals, Cameas, and Intaglios, Precious Stones, Agates, Jaspers, Vessels of Agate and Jasper, Chrystals, Mathematical Instruments, Drawings, and Pictures, and all other Things in the said Collection or *Museum*, more particularly described and numbered, with short Histories or Accounts of them, with proper References in certain Catalogues by him made, containing Thirty-eight Volumes in Folio, and Eight Volumes in Quarto, (except such Pictures as are not marked with the Word Collection), to have and to hold to them and their Successors and Assigns for ever, for such Purposes, and with such Powers, and under such Restrictions, as in the said Codicil are expressed, willing and desiring thereby, that the said Trustees, or any Seven

or more of them, should make their humble Application to His Majesty, or to Parliament, at the next Session after his Decease, as should be thought most proper, in order to pay the full and clear Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, unto his Executors, or the Survivors of them, within Twelve Months after his Decease, in Consideration of the said Collection or *Museum*; and also to obtain such sufficient and effectual Powers and Authorities for vesting in the said Trustees, all and every Part of his said Collection or *Museum* before-mentioned, in all its Branches; and also his said Capital Manor House, with such Gardens and Out-houses as should thereunto belong and be used by him at the Time of his Decease, and also the Water of or belonging to his Manor of *Chelsea* coming from *Kensington*; and also obtain a sufficient Fund or Provision for maintaining and taking Care of his said Collection and Premises, and for repairing and supporting his said Manor House, Water-work, and Premises; but in case Payment of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds should not be had and obtained, and made unto his Executors, or the

Survivors of them, within Twelve Months next after his Decease, and no such Act of Parliament should be obtained, for settling, preserving, establishing, maintaining, and continuing, his said Collection and Premises, in such Manner as in his said Codicil is expressed, then, and not otherwise, his Will was, and he did in such Case thereby direct, That his said Executors, or the Survivors of them, should, for the like Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, sell and dispose of all and every Part of the said Collection and *Museum*, as before described, together with the Catalogues thereto belonging, for the Use of the several foreign Academies therein described, and in the Manner therein mentioned; and that in case the said offer should not be accepted by either of the said foreign Academies, his Executors, or the Survivors of them, should be at Liberty with all convenient Speed to sell and dispose of all and every Part of his said *Museum* or Collection, in the most speedy and advantageous Manner; and that the Monies arising by such Sale or Disposition should be considered as Part of his Personal Estate; and further his Will was, and he did thereby direct, That in case his

said Collection should be sold or disposed of to either of the said foreign Academies, or in case of their Refusal, or Non-acceptance by his Executors, or the Survivors of them, that then his said Manor House and Garden, with the Appurtenances and the Water, should go and belong to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as he had given and devised the Rest of his Manors, Lands, and Tenements, at *Chelsea*, or elsewhere, as by the said Codicil, Relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear: And whereas the said Sir *Hans Sloane* having, by several other Codicils of a subsequent Date, annexed to his said Will, added to the Number of the said Trustees, did, on or about the Eleventh Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, depart this Life: And whereas the said Trustees, or Seven or more of them, have, pursuant to the Will and Intention of the said Sir *Hans Sloane*, in this Session of Parliament, being the next Session after his Decease, made their Application for Payment of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, in consideration of the said Collection or *Museum*: And whereas the said Trustees, at a General Meeting assembled, have consented

to the Removal of the said *Museum* or Collection from the Manor House at *Chelsea*, to any proper Place within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, if such Removal shall be judged most advantageous to the Publick, so as the said Collection be preserved intire without the least Diminution or Separation, and be kept for the Use and Benefit of the Publick, with free Access to view and peruse the same, at all stated and convenient Seasons agreeable to the Will and Intentions of the Testator, and under such Restrictions as the Parliament shall think fit: And whereas the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane* is of much greater intrinsick Value than the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds: And whereas all Arts and Sciences have a Connection with each other, and Discoveries in Natural Philosophy, and other Branches of speculative Knowledge, for the Advancement and Improvement whereof the said *Museum* or Collection was intended, do and may, in many Instances, give Help and Success to the most useful Experiments and Inventions; therefore to the End that the said *Museum* or Collection may be preserved and maintained, not

only for the Inspection and Entertainment of the Learned and the Curious, but for the General Use and Benefit of the Publick; may it please Your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That out of all or any of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, the full and clear sum of Twenty thousand Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, shall be paid in Manner herein-after mentioned to the Executors of Sir *Hans Sloane*, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, in full Satisfaction for the said *Museum* or Collection herein-before described, and for the Use of the said Manor House and Garden, with their Appurtenances, and of the said Water, until a more convenient Repository, more durable and more safe from Fire, and nearer to the chief Places of Publick Resort, shall be provided for the Reception of the said *Museum* or Collection, in Manner herein-after mentioned.

The Sum of 20,000*l.* to be paid to the Executors of Sir *Hans Sloane*, in full Satisfaction for his *Museum*, &c.

And whereas by an act, made in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King

Recital of
Clauses in the
Act of 12 & 13

Will. III. con-
cerning the
Cottonian
Library.

William the Third, intituled, An Act for the better settling and preserving the Library kept in the House at Westminster, called Cotton House, in the Name and Family of the Cottons, for the Benefit of the Publick, reciting, That Sir Robert Cotton, late of Connington, in the County of Huntingdon, Baronet, did, at his own great Charge, and by the Assistance of the most learned Antiquaries of his Time, collect and purchase the most useful Manuscripts, written Books, Papers, Parchments, Records, and other Memorials, in most Languages, of great Use and Service for the Knowledge and Preservation of our Constitution both in Church and State; and further reciting, That the said Library had been preserved with the utmost Care by Sir Thomas Cotton, Son of the said Sir Robert, and by Sir John Cotton, then living, Grandson of the said Sir Robert; and had been very much augmented by them, and lodged in a very proper Place in the said Sir John's ancient Mansion House at Westminster, for publick Use and Advantage; it was enacted, That the said Mansion House, with the Garden, and all other Appurtenances, and also the said Library, should

be vested in Trustees in the said Act named, and their Successors, for ever, for the Purposes therein mentioned; and as for and concerning the said Library, and the Room wherein the same was or should be contained, together with a convenient Passage for resorting thereunto, upon this Trust and Confidence, that the said Trustees, and their Successors, should, from Time to Time, and at all Times thereafter, as Occasion should require, inspect, consult, and take Care of the said Library, and other Particulars above-mentioned, and also make and appoint such Orders and Rules as they should think proper, for the reading and using the same, and for their better Preservation, and to the Intent and Purpose that the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, should nominate and appoint a good and sufficient Person, well read in Antiquities and Records, to have the immediate Care and Custody of the said Library: And whereas by an Act, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*,
and in the Act of 5 *Annæ*.
intituled, *An Act for the better securing Her Majesty's Purchase of Cotton House in Westminster*; reciting the said former Act, made in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the

Reign of King *William* the Third; and also reciting, that since the making of the said Act, very little had been done in pursuance thereof, to make the said Library useful to the Publick, except what had been then lately done at Her Majesty's Charge, and that there was no Way or Passage to set it out, as the said Act did direct, nor could there be any Way or Passage to the same, but through the best Rooms of the House, which would render the House wholly useless to the Family; so that the Library could not be resorted unto, nor had any Orders or Rules been appointed for reading or using the same, and thereby the Publick was wholly deprived of the Benefit designed by the said Act; and that the Place wherein the said Library was then contained, was a narrow little Room, damp and improper for preserving the Books and Papers; and that Her Majesty, to the Intent so great a Treasure of Books and Manuscripts, so generously given for the publick Service, might not remain any longer useless, and in Danger of perishing for Want of due Care, and that it might be in Her Majesty's Power to make that most valuable Collection useful to Her own Sub-

jects, and all learned Foreigners, had given Directions for treating with the said Sir *John Cotton*, for the Purchase of the said *Cotton House* and Garden; and that an Agreement had been made for the purchasing the Inheritance thereof for the Sum of four Thousand and five Hundred Pounds, which Her Majesty had directed to be paid on the investing the Inheritance of the Premises in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, which could not be done but by Act of Parliament, the said recited Act having directed it might not be sold or aliened; it was therefore enacted, That the said Capital Messuage called *Cotton House*, and the Garden and Buildings used and enjoyed with the same, with the Appurtenances, should be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors: And it was thereby further enacted and declared, That a convenient Room should be built in or near Part of the said Ground thereby intended to be vested in Her Majesty, as Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, should, by Writing, under the Sign Manual, appoint; in which Room when built, all the said Manuscripts, written Books, Papers, Parchments, Records, and other Memorials,

as also all Coins, Medals, and other Rarities and Curiosities in the said Library contained, should be lodged and there remain to all Posterity; and that the said Room when built, should for ever be called and known by the Name of the *Cottonian Library*; and that from the Building thereof, the said Library should be managed and directed by the Trustees therein named, as Trustees to and for the Use of the Publick for ever: And whereas although the publick Faith hath been thus engaged to provide for the better Reception and more convenient Use of the *Cottonian Library*, a proper Repository for that purpose hath not yet been prepared; for the want of which, the said Library did, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, suffer by a Fire, which consumed the House wherein the same was then placed, and what remains of the said Library still continues in the Room, to which upon the Occasion of the said Fire it was removed; and Persons desirous to view and consult the Treasure of Books and Manuscripts therein contained, cannot conveniently resort there-

Recital of Part
of the Will of
Arthur Edwards,
Esq.

unto: And whereas *Arthur Edwards*, late of Saint George Hanover Square, in the County

of *Middlesex*, Esquire, being desirous to preserve for the publick Use the said Library, and to prevent the like Accident for the future, did, by his last Will and Testament, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, and duly proved in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, give, devise, and bequeath, unto the Trustees of the said Library, the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds (if his Effects real and Personal, not before disposed of by that his Will and Testament, should, after the Decease of Mistress *Elizabeth Milles*, amount to so much) to erect in a proper Situation such a House as might be most likely to preserve that Library, as much as can be, from all Accidents; but if it should so happen, that before this Part of his Will could take Place, there should be erected such a proper Building for this Use, then he did give, devise, and bequeath, the aforesaid Sum of Seven thousand Pounds to the said Trustees, to be employed in purchasing such Manuscripts, Books of Antiquities, ancient Coins, Medals, and other Curiosities, as might be worthy to increase and enlarge the said Library; and did also thereby give

The said
Legacy of
7000*l.* on the
Decease of
Elizabeth
Milles, to be
paid to and
applied by the
Trustees
appointed by
this Act.

to the said Trustees of the said Library, to be placed in some By-room or Corner thereof, all his Books, and the Cases in which they were then placed, and also his Pictures in his said Last Will and Testament described; which Books, Book Cases, and Pictures, he did desire and require might be delivered and given, as soon after his Decease as might be, to be placed in the said Library; and which, with the Approbation of the said Trustees, have been placed according to such Desire in the said Library; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and as soon as the said Legacy of Seven thousand Pounds shall on the Decease of the said *Elizabeth Milles* become payable to the Trustees of the *Cottonian Library*, the same shall be paid to the Trustees by this Act appointed, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, or to such Person or Persons as by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in any General Meeting assembled, shall be authorized to receive the same; to be applied by the said Trustees hereby appointed, either towards erecting or providing a proper Repository for the *Cottonian Library*; or if such Repository shall be erected or provided before the said

Legacy shall become payable as aforesaid, towards purchasing such Manuscripts, Books of Antiquities, ancient Coins, Medals, and other Curiosities, as may be worthy to increase and enlarge the said Library; and that the Acquittance of any Person or Persons authorized by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in a General Meeting assembled to receive the said Legacy of Seven thousand Pounds, shall be, and be accepted as a sufficient Discharge to the Executors and Representatives of the said Testator, for the Payment of the said Legacy.

And whereas the Right Honourable *Henrietta Cavendish Holles*, Countess of *Oxford* and Countess *Mortimer*, Relict of *Edward* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, and the Most Noble *Margaret Cavendish* Dutchess of *Portland* their only Daughter, have expressed their Approbation of a Proposal for the Purchase of the valuable Collection of Manuscripts, collected by the said Earl, and by *Robert* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer* his Father, in Consideration of the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, upon Condition that the same shall be kept together in a proper Repository, as an Addition to the *Cottonian*

The Sum of
10,000*l*. to be
paid to the
Trustees of the
Earl and
Countess of
Oxford and
Mortimer, for
the *Harleian*
Collection of
Manuscripts,
which are to
be placed in
the same Re-
pository with
the *Cottonian*
Library.

Library, and be called by the Name of the *Harleian Collection of Manuscripts*; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, the full and clear Sum of Ten thousand Pounds shall be paid by Order of the said Trustees hereby appointed for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, to the Trustees for the said Earl and Countess, to whom by an Indenture *quadrupartite* made the Second Day of *August*, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, the said Collection of Manuscripts among other Things was assigned for the Purposes in the said Indenture mentioned; the said Collection of Manuscripts to be placed and continued in the same Repository in which the *Cottonian Library* is herein-after directed to be placed, and until the said Repository shall be erected or provided, in Manner herein-after mentioned; to be preserved in the Place where the same is now lodged, or in some other convenient Place to be approved by the said Trustees by this Act appointed, or the major Part of them, in a General Meeting assembled,

at the Costs and Charges of the said Trustees for the said Earl and Countess, and of the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of such Survivor, and of the Person or Persons to whose Use the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds shall be payable for the said Collection.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Archbishop of *Canterbury* for the Time being, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *Great Britain* for the Time being, the Lord Treasurer of *Great Britain*, or the First Commissioner of the Treasury for the Time being, the Lord President of the Council for the Time being, the Lord Privy Seal for the Time being, the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the First Commissioner of the Admiralty for the Time being, the Lord Steward of His Majesty's Houshold for the Time being, the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Houshold for the Time being, the Bishop of *London* for the Time being, each of the Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Time being, each of the

Trustees
appointed for
putting this
Act in
Execution.

Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, not being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Time being, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of *King's Bench* for the Time being, the Master of the Rolls for the Time being, the Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of *Common Pleas* at *Westminster* for the Time being, His Majesty's Attorney General for the Time being, His Majesty's Solicitor General for the Time being, the President of the Royal Society for the Time being, the President of the College of Physicians for the Time being, together with the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Cadogan*, and *Hans Stanley* Esquire, and together with *Samuel Borroughs* and *Thomas Hart* Esquires, Two of the present Trustees of the *Cottonian Library*, (having been so appointed by the Heirs Male of the Body of the said Sir *Robert Cotton*, in pursuance of the said herein-before recited Acts made in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of King *William* the Third, and in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*), and together with the Most Noble *William* Duke of *Portland*, and the Right Honourable *Edward* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl

Mortimer, shall be Trustees for putting this Act in Execution; and that they, or the major Part of them, in a General Meeting assembled, whereof the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be Three, shall, in such manner as they shall think fit, elect and nominate Fifteen other Persons to be associated to them in the execution of the Trusts hereby in them reposed; which Fifteen Persons, so elected and nominated, shall be and continue for the Term of their natural Lives, Trustees for putting this Act in Execution, with the like Power, in all Respects, as hereby is given to the Trustees herein-before first appointed; and when any of the said Trustees so elected and nominated shall die, the Trustees herein-before first appointed, and their Successors, shall in like Manner elect and nominate a fit Person or Persons to supply the Place or Places of him or them so dying; and so *toties quoties*, as any of the said Trustees so elected and nominated, or others so elected and nominated, to supply their Places, shall happen to die.

who are to appoint Fifteen other Persons to be Associates to them,

who are to continue Trustees for Life.

Election of new Trustees to be made in the Room of such as shall die.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when either the

Nomination of a Trustee vacant by the

Death of Lord
Cadogan, or
Hans Stanley.

said *Charles* Lord *Cadogan*, or *Hans Stanley*, shall die, it shall and may be lawful for the Survivor to nominate another fit Person to succeed the Deceased in the Place of a Trustee so vacant; and after the Decease of both of them (the said *Charles* Lord *Cadogan* and *Hans Stanley*), it shall and may be lawful for the Heirs Male of their Bodies, and upon Failure of the Heirs Male of the Body of either of them, to and for the Heirs Male of the Body of the other of them, being of full Age, or their respective Guardian or Guardians during their Minority, to nominate a Trustee for the Purposes of this Act, in the Room of the Person last nominated by the Survivor of them; and so as often as any Person supplying the Place of the said *Charles* Lord *Cadogan*, or *Hans Stanley*, shall happen to die.

Nomination of
a Trustee
vacant by the
Death of Sa-
muel Burroughs,
or Thomas Hart.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when either the said *Samuel Burroughs*, or *Thomas Hart*, shall die, it shall and may be lawful to and for *Frances Hanbury* Widow, and Relict of *Francis Hanbury* Esquire, (which *Frances Hanbury* is the Heir-general of the said Sir *Robert Cotton*), and after her Decease to and for the Heirs Male of her Body, being of full Age; and in

Default of such Issue, to and for her First, Second, Third, Fourth, and every other Daughter, severally, successively, and in Remainder, one after another, in Order and Course as they respectively shall be in Priority of Birth : and the several and respective Heirs Male of the Bodies of such Daughters, being of full Age, or the respective Guardians of the Heirs Male of the said *Frances* and of her said Daughters, during their Minority ; to nominate another fit Person to supply the Place of the deceased Trustee, and so as often as any Person supplying the Place of either of the said Trustees shall happen to die.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when either the said *William* Duke of *Portland*, or the said *Edward* Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, herein-before appointed Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, shall die, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Countess of *Oxford* and Countess *Mortimer*, and the said Dutchess of *Portland*, or the Survivor of them, and after the Decease of the said Countess and Dutchess, to and for the Heirs Male of the Body of the said Dutchess, being of full Age, or their Guardian or Guardians,

Nomination
of a Trustee
vacant by the
Death of
William Duke
of *Portland*, or
Edward Earl of
Oxford and
Earl *Mortimer*.

during their Minority; and upon Failure of such Heirs Male, to and for the Heirs Male of the Body of *Edward* now Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, being of full Age, or their Guardian or Guardians, during their Minority; to nominate another fit Person to supply the Place of the said Duke or the said Earl; and upon the Death of any Person so supplying the Place of either of them, to nominate another fit Person in his Stead; and so as often as any Person so supplying the Place of either of them shall happen to die.

Trustees so
nominated,
invested with
like Powers
as those
nominated in
the Act.

And be it declared and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees so to be nominated by the Survivor of the said *Charles* Lord *Cadogan* and *Hans* *Stanley*, and by the Heirs Male of the Bodies of them, or either of them, or the respective Guardians of such Heirs Male, in Manner aforesaid, and by the said Countess and Dutchess, or the Survivor of them, or by such Heirs Male of the said Dutchess or of the said now Earl of *Oxford* and Earl *Mortimer*, as aforesaid, or by their Guardian or Guardians, in Manner aforesaid, shall have the like Power in all respects in the Execution of this Act, as is

hereby given to the Trustees herein-before first named and described.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, One General Repository shall be erected or provided in such convenient Place, and in such Manner, as the Trustees hereby appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, shall direct, for the Reception, not only of the said *Museum*, or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, but also of the *Cottonian Library*, and of the Additions which have been or shall be made thereunto, by virtue of the last Will and Testament of the said *Arthur Edwards*, and likewise of the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, and of such other Additions to the *Cottonian Library*, as with the Approbation of the Trustees by this Act appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, shall be made thereunto, in Manner herein-after mentioned, and of such other Collections and Libraries as with the like Approbation shall be admitted into the said General Repository; which several Collections, Additions, and Library so received into the said General

A general Repository to be provided for the Reception of *Sloane's Museum*, the *Cottonian Library*, *Harleian Manuscripts*, and *Edwards's Additions*.

Repository, shall remain and be preserved therein for publick Use, to all Posterity.

The Museum
to be kept
intire.

Provided always, That the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, in all its Branches, shall be kept and preserved together in the said General Repository, whole and intire, and with proper Marks of Distinction.

The *Harleian*
Collection to
be an Addition
to the *Cottonian*
Library.

Provided also, That the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts shall be kept together in the said General Repository, as an Addition to the *Cottonian Library*.

The *Museum* to
remain in the
Manor House,
till a General
Repository
be provided,
under the Care
of a Person to
be nominated
for that
Purpose.

Provided always, That until the said General Repository shall be erected or provided in Manner before-mentioned, the said Collection or *Museum* of Sir *Hans Sloane* shall remain in his said Manor House for publick Use, under the Care of such Person or Persons as by the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any Two of them shall be nominated for that Purpose; with such Salary or Salaries, and Allowances, for attending and preserving the same, as by all the Trustees by this Act appointed, or the major Part of them in a General Meeting assembled, shall be limited and

directed; and the said *Museum* or Collection shall there be visited and seen by all Persons desirous to view the same, under such Rules as by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in like Manner assembled, shall be established; and that until the said *Museum* or Collection shall be removed to the said General Repository hereby intended to be erected or provided, the Expence of preserving the said *Museum* or Collection, and of repairing and supporting the said Manor House and Premises, shall be defrayed by the said Trustees out of such Monies as shall be payable to them for that Purpose by virtue of this Act.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when, and as soon as the said *Museum* or Collection shall be removed into the said General Repository, then, and from thenceforth, the said Manor House and Garden, with their Appurtenances and Water, shall go and belong to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as the said Sir *Hans Sloane* hath given and devised the Rest of his said Manors, Lands, and Tenements, at *Chelsea*, or elsewhere.

When the *Museum* shall be removed, the Manor House, &c. to go with the other Lands devised by Sir *Hans Sloane*.

And be it further enacted by the Authority The Trustees

incorporated
by the Name
of *The Trustees*
of the British
Museum, &c.

aforesaid, That for the better Execution of the Purposes of this Act, the said Trustees hereby appointed shall be a Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and Name, and have Succession for ever, by the Name of *The Trustees of the British Museum*; and by that Name shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all Courts and Places within this Realm; and shall have Power to have and use a Common Seal to be appointed by themselves; and to make Bye-laws and Ordinances for the Purposes of this Act; and to assemble together, when, where, and as often, and upon such Notice, as to them shall seem meet, for the Execution of the Trust hereby in them reposed; and shall also have full Power, Capacity, and Ability, to purchase, take, hold, and enjoy, for the Purposes of this Act, as well Goods and Chattels, as Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so as the yearly Value of such Lands shall not exceed Five hundred Pounds above all Charges and Reprizes; the Statute of *Mortmain*, or any other Statute and Law to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Trustees
impowered to
make Statutes

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees so appointed and

incorporated by this Act, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting assembled, shall, from Time to Time, and as often as they shall think fit, make, constitute, and establish, such Statutes, Rules, and Ordinances, for the Custody, Preservation, and Inspection, of every Part of the several Collections hereby intended to remain in the said General Repository, as to them shall seem meet; and shall and may in like Manner assign such Salaries and Allowances as they shall think fit, to the Officers and Servants, who in Manner herein-after mentioned shall be appointed to attend and assist in the Care and Preservation of the several Collections contained in the said General Repository; and shall and may, at their Pleasure, in like Manner, suspend or remove any such Officer or Servant, for Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty.

for the
Preservation,
&c. of the said
Collections,

and to appoint
Salaries to their
Officers.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Principal Librarian, to whom the Care and Custody of the said General Repository shall be chiefly committed, shall, from Time to Time, be nominated and appointed in Manner following; that is to say,

Nomination of
the Principal
Librarian.

The said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any Two of them, shall recommend to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, Two Persons, each of whom they shall judge fit to execute the said Office; and such of the said Two Persons so recommended, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by Writing under His, or Their Sign Manual, shall appoint, after he shall become bound to the said Trustees by this Act appointed, for the due and faithful Discharge of his Office, in such penal Sum not being less than One Thousand Pounds, as the said Trustees, at any General Meeting assembled, or the major Part of them, shall think proper, shall have and hold the said Office, during such Time as he shall behave well therein.

Nomination of
the Rest of the
Officers and
Servants.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rest of the Officers and Servants, whose Attendance and Assistance shall be necessary in the Care and Preservation of the said General Repository, shall, from Time to Time, be nominated and appointed by the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*,

Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any Two of them.

Provided always, That no such Person to whom the Care and Custody of the said General Repository shall be chiefly committed, nor any of the Rest of the said Officers or Servants, unless in Cases of occasional Sickness, or other necessary Cause of Absence, to be approved by the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any Two of them, shall be permitted to supply his Place by a Deputy.

No Officer's
Place to be
supplied by a
Deputy.

Provided nevertheless, That the Person to whom in Manner aforesaid the Care and Custody of the said General Repository shall be chiefly committed, shall and may be assisted by such subordinate Officers and Servants, as in Manner aforesaid shall be appointed, continually to assist him in the Execution of his Duty.

Assistants and
subordinate
Officers
allowed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, from and after Payment of the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, and the said Manor House and Gar-

Sloane's Museum, Cottonian Library, and Harleian Collection, vested in the Trustees, in Trust for the Publick Use.

den, with the Appurtenances and Water, until the said *Museum* or Collection shall be removed to the said General Repository; and also the said *Cottonian Library* and Additions thereunto; and the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, from and after Payment of the said Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds; and the said General Repository, when the same shall be erected or provided for the Use thereof, shall be vested in the said Trustees by this Act appointed, and their Successors, for ever; upon this Trust and Confidence nevertheless, That a free Access to the said General Repository, and to the Collections therein contained, shall be given to all studious and curious Persons, at such Times, and in such Manner, and under such Regulations for inspecting and consulting the said Collections, as by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in any General Meeting assembled, shall be limited for that Purpose.

His Majesty
may grant to
the Trustees
any Messuage
or Building,
&c. in Perpe-
tuity, for a
General Repo-
sitory.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, at any Time hereafter, by Letters Patent or Indenture, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to give and grant unto the

said Trustees and their Successors, in Perpetuity, for the Purposes of this Act, the Right or Use in or of any Room, Messuage, or Building, or Rooms, Messuages, or Buildings, with the Appurtenances, or any Ground or Site requisite for the Erection of the said General Repository, or for making any Addition thereto; any Restrictions, or Matter or Thing contained in an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of Her Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown*; or any other Law or Statute in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick and Corporate, Trustees, Mortgagees, and Feoffees, in Trust, Guardians and Committees for Infants, Lunatics, and Ideots, Executors, and Administrators whatsoever, and to and for all Females Covert, who are or shall be seised of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in their own Right, and to and for all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in,

Bodies Politick and Corporate, &c. empowered to dispose of Lands, &c. to the Trustees for such Repository.

any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to sell and convey to the said Trustees and their Successors, or to such Person or Persons as they, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting assembled, shall appoint, all such Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Estates, and Interests, or any Part thereof, as the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, shall purchase, for the Purpose of erecting or providing such General Repository as aforesaid; and all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be made by any such Bodies Politick or Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Persons aforesaid, shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes; any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing to the contrary notwithstanding: And that every such Sum of Money as shall be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to or for the Use of any such Body Politick or Corporate, or other Person as aforesaid, shall be respectively laid out in the Purchase of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and settled to and upon, and subject to such Titles, Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the said Lands, Tenements,

Money to be
laid out to the
same Uses as
Lands, &c.
purchased,
were settled
to;

and Hereditaments, purchased by the said Trustees, were settled, limited, and assured, at the Time of such Purchase, and shall be held and enjoyed accordingly; and that until such Purchases shall be made, the Money shall be vested in some of the publick Funds, or Government Securities, at Interest, which shall be paid to or for the Use of such Person or Persons as would have been intitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

and to be vested in the publick Funds till Purchase be made.

Saving nevertheless, to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, their Heirs and Successors, Executors, or Administrators, other than and except the Trustees and Visitors by the said Sir *Hans Sloane* appointed by his Codicil herein-before recited, and other than and except the Trustees of the *Cottonian Library*, and the Trustees for the said Countess of *Oxford* and Countess *Mortimer*, all such Right, Title, Estate, or Interest, in or to the Premises hereby vested in the Trustees by this Act appointed, and their Successors, as they, or any of them, had or might enjoy if this Act had not been made; any Thing herein con-

Reservation to all other Persons interested, of their Rights to the Premises, vested in the Trustees.

tained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[Here follow certain Provisions for raising a Sum of Money by Way of Lottery for the Purposes of this Institution.]

Application
of the Monies
arising by this
Act.

20,000*l.* to the
Executors of
Sir Hans Sloane.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Monies which shall arise from the said Lottery, subject to the Charge of Management thereof, after Payment made, or Money sufficient reserved for the Payment of the Sums hereby directed to be issued to the Proprietors of the Fortunate Tickets, shall be appropriated, and in Manner herein-after mentioned, issued, applied, and reserved, to the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, herein-after expressed, and to no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever; that is to say, In the first Place the full and clear Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, Part thereof, shall, before the Eleventh Day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, be issued by Order of the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting assembled, to the Executors of Sir *Hans Sloane*, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, in Consideration of his said *Museum* or Collection, and of the Use and Benefit of the said Manor House and Garden, with the

Appurtenances and Water, until such Time as the said *Museum* or Collection shall be removed to the said General Repository: In the next Place, and in like Manner, shall be issued to the said Countess of *Oxford* and Countess *Mortimer*, and her Trustees, the full and clear Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as, together with the Legacy of Seven thousand Pounds bequeathed to the Trustees of the *Cottonian Library*, in Manner above mentioned, shall be sufficient, in case the said Legacy shall, before that Time, take Effect, to pay the Price for the said *Harleian Collection of Manuscripts*, so as the said Collection, until such time as the said General Repository shall be erected or provided for the Reception thereof, shall remain in the Place where the same is now lodged, or in some other convenient Place to be approved by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, and shall be there preserved and maintained at the Costs and Charges of the said Countess of *Oxford* and Countess *Mortimer*, and her Trustees; after Payment of which several Sums of Twenty thousand Pounds, and Ten thousand Pounds, so much Money shall and may be issued

10,000*l.* to the
Countess of
Oxford and
Countess
Mortimer.

A General Repository to be provided thereout, and other necessary Expences attending the preserving the *Museum, Cottonian Library, and Harleian Collection of Manuscripts.*

30,000*l.* to be put out at Interest in the Publick Funds, towards Payment of Officers' Salaries, and other necessary Expences.

and applied by Order of the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, as shall be sufficient to defray the Expence of erecting or providing the said General Repository, and of the necessary Furniture thereof, and of such Cabinets, Book Cases, and other Conveniences or Embellishments, as the Condition of the several Collections in the said General Repository contained, shall require; and also of the Expence which may be incurred in preserving and maintaining the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, at his said Manor House at *Chelsea*, during such Time as the said *Museum* or Collection shall remain there, and in removing the said *Museum* or Collection; and also in removing the *Cottonian Library*, and the Additions thereunto made or to be made, and the *Harleian Collection of Manuscripts*, to the said General Repository; which Expence being defrayed, the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds shall and may be reserved to be placed out at Interest, by Order of the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in any General Meeting assembled, in any Parliamentary Security or Securities, or to be lent, from Time to Time in Part or in

the Whole, upon the Credit of any Taxes or Duties imposed by Parliament, at such Interest for the Forbearance of such Loan, as by any Act imposing such Taxes or Duties, or any other Act, shall be limited; the Interest of which Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds so reserved shall and may be issued and applied, by like Order of the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled, for and towards Payment of the Salaries and Allowances which, in Manner aforesaid, shall be assigned by the said Trustees to the Officers and Servants attending or assisting in the said General Repository, and for and towards the Payment of such other Costs and Charges as the Custody and Preservation of the said several Collections, and the Repairs or Alterations of the said General Repository, and the due Execution of the Trust hereby reposed in the said Trustees, shall require: And if after Payment of the said first-mentioned Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, and of the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, or Part thereof, upon the Contingency herein-before mentioned; and after Payment of so much Money as the Expence of erecting, or providing and furnishing the

said General Repository, and of such Cabinets, Book Cases, and other Conveniences and Embellishments, and of maintaining or preserving the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane* at the said Manor House at *Chelsea*, and of removing the said several Collections to the said General Repository,

The Surplus, if any, to be reserved for the future Disposition of Parliament;

shall amount to; and if, after reserving the last-mentioned Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds for the Purposes aforesaid, any Surplus shall remain of the Monies so raised by virtue of this Act, the same shall be reserved for the future Disposition of Parliament.

and may be placed out at Interest, to be applied to the Uses of this Act.

Provided always, That in the mean Time, until such Surplus shall be disposed of by Parliament, it shall be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, to place out or lend the said Surplus, or any Part thereof, upon such Securities, and upon such Credit, as they are herein-before impowered to place out or lend the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds herein-before directed to be reserved, the Proceed or Interest thereof, until the Principal Money shall be so disposed of by Parliament, to be applied to such Uses, for the better accomplishing the Design of this

Act, as by the said Trustees, or the major Part of them, in any General Meeting assembled, shall be limited and directed.

27 GEORGII II. REGIS.

An Act for making perpetual several Laws, &c. and to impower a certain Number of the Trustees of the British Museum to do certain Acts, &c.

Recital of
Clauses in Act
26 Geo. II.

AND whereas by an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the Purchase of the Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and of the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts, and for providing One General Repository for the better Reception and more convenient Use of the said Collections, and of the Cottonian Library, and of the Additions thereto*; it is, among other Things, enacted, That certain Persons in the said Act named, and their Successors, shall be Trustees for putting the said Act in Execution; and that they, or the major Part of them, in a General Meeting

assembled, whereof the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, shall be Three, shall, in such Manner as they shall think fit, elect and nominate Fifteen other Persons to be associated to them in the Executions of the Trusts thereby in them reposed ; and when any of the Trustees so elected and nominated shall die, shall in like Manner elect and nominate a fit Person or Persons to supply the Place or Places of him or them so dying, and so *toties quoties*, as any of the said Trustees so elected and nominated, or others so elected and nominated to supply their Places, shall happen to die: And whereas the Powers and Authorities given to the whole Body of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, by the said Act incorporated, are thereby limited to be exercised by them, or the major Part of them, at any General Meeting assembled: And whereas it may happen that the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, may be hindered by Indisposition or Avocation, from being all of them present at such Elections of Trustees; and it may

Elections of
Trustees, at
which the
Archbishop of
Canterbury,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord Keeper,
and Speaker of the
House of Commons,
or two of them shall
be present,

and all Acts
done by Seven
Trustees
deemed valid.

also happen that the major Part of the whole Number of the Trustees of the *British Museum* cannot conveniently be present at every General Meeting of the said Trustees; be it enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Election of a Trustee, at which the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any Two of them shall be present, shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, were all of them present; and that the Acts and Orders made by the major Part of such Number of the said Trustees, as shall be present at any such General Meeting, so as Seven of the said Trustees at the least be there present, shall have the same and the like Force and Effect, as if such Acts and Orders were made by the major Part of the whole Number of the said Trustees; any thing in the said Act, or any Law, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

28 GEO. II. SESS. 2.

PRIVATE ACTS, C. 3.

Extract of an Act for vesting Montagu House in Trustees and their Heirs, freed and discharged from all the Estates, Uses, and Agreements, to which, at present, it stands limited and appointed upon Trust to convey the same to the Trustees of The British Museum, for a General Repository, and upon such other Trusts as therein are mentioned.

WHEREAS *Ralph* late Duke of *Montagu* being seised in his Demesne, as of Fee, of all that capital Messuage or Mansion House, commonly called *Montagu House*, with the Gardens and Appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in *Great Russel Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury*, (late part of the Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields*) in the County of *Middlesex*, subject to a Yearly

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Rent of Five Pounds issuing thereout by his last Will and Testament, bearing Date the 21st Day of August, 1707, devised the same among his other Estates in *England* to his Son *John* then Marquis of *Monthermer*, and afterwards Duke of *Montagu*, for his Life with remainder, &c. &c. &c.

And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the 26th Year of your Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Purchase of the *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, and of the *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, and for providing one General Repository for the better Reception and more convenient Use of the said Collections, and of the *Cottonian Library*, and of the Additions thereto, it was enacted, That, within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, one General Repository should be erected or provided in such convenient Place, and in such Manner as the Trustees, in the said Act named and appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, should direct for the Reception not only of the said *Museum* or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, but also of the *Cottonian Library*, and of the Additions which had been or should be made

thereto by Virtue of the last Will and Testament of *Arthur Edwards*, Esquire, and likewise of the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, and of such other Additions to the *Cottonian Library*, as with the Approbation of the said Trustees by the said Act appointed, or the major Part of them at a General Meeting assembled, should be made thereunto in Manner as in the said Act it was after-mentioned, and of such other Collections and Libraries as with the like Approbation should be admitted into the said General Repository, which several Collections, Additions, and Library so received unto the said General Repository should remain and be preserved therein for publick Use to all Posterity. And whereas at a General Meeting of the said Trustees held at the *Cockpit* at *Whitehall*, on the Third Day of April, One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-four, it was resolved to accept of a Proposal which had been made of the said capital Mansion House called *Montagu House*, and the said Freehold Ground thereto belonging, for the General Repository of the *British Museum*, on the Terms of Ten thousand Pounds, at which Price the same had been offered to be Sold for the said

Trustees, including the Leasehold Interest of the Piece of Ground therewith enjoyed; in Pursuance of which said Resolution by certain Articles of Agreement in writing, bearing Date the 3d Day of June following, and made between the said Sir *Edward Montagu*, and the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, the said *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, and *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan* of the one Part, and the said Trustees of the *British Museum* of the other Part, it was covenanted and agreed, that, in Consideration of the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, they the said Sir *Edward Montagu*, and the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, the said *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, and *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan*, and all and every other Person or Persons seised, possessed of, or intituled unto the said Freehold and Leasehold Premises, in Trust for them or any of them, should and would convey to and to the Use of the said Trustees, their Successors and Assigns for ever, or to whom they should appoint the said Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances belonging and likewise assign to them the said Leasehold Premises in Manner as therein-mentioned. And

whereas although by the said recited Act of the 9th Year of his late Majesty King *George* the First, the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, and the said *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan* are enabled to suffer a Recovery, and thereby bar the Intails and Remainders, created by the said recited Will of the said *Ralph* Duke of *Montagu*, yet as the uses of such Recovery if suffered are thereby restrained to be limited according to the Agreements in the said Articles contained in the said Act mentioned, under which the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, and *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan* will be but Tenants for Life, they are not able without the further Aid and Assistance of an Act of Parliament to make a Title in Fee Simple, and convey the said Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances according to the said Agreement to the Trustees of the *British Museum* as aforesaid, Wherefore, and to the end that the said recited Articles of Agreement, bearing Date the 3d June 1754 as aforesaid, may be carried into Execution, and that the Money arising by the Sale of the said Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances may be equally divided between them, the

said *Isabella* Dowager Dutchess of *Manchester*, and *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan*, that is to say, Five thousand Pounds, to each of them, and to be vested in Trust to be laid out in other Freehold Premises to be settled to the same uses and Trusts, as the said Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances, are in and by the said recited Articles, dated the 1st of January, 1722, and the said recited Act confirming the same limited and settled, and by virtue thereof, the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, and the said *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan*, do now hold and enjoy the same, and that the said Trustees of the *British Museum* may be indemnified on the payment of the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds for the Purposes aforesaid, against the said Uses and Trusts, they the said Sir *Edward Montagu*, and the said *Isabella* Dutchess Dowager of *Manchester*, the said *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, and *Mary* Countess of *Cardigan*, Humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be Enacted, And be it therefore Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the

Authority of the same, That all that Capital Messuage or Mansion House, commonly called *Montagu House*, with the Gardens and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in *Great Russel Street* in the Parish of Saint George Bloomsbury, in the said County of *Middlesex*, be vested in and settled upon, and the said Capital Messuage, Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances, are hereby vested in and settled upon the Right Hon. *George Earl of Halifax*, and *William Folkes Esq.* their Heirs and Assigns, absolutely freed and discharged of and from all the Estates, Uses, Trusts, Powers, Limitations, Provisoes, Charges and Agreements whatsoever, limited, created, expressed and declared of and concerning the same, in and by the said recited last Will and Testament, of the said *Ralph Duke of Montagu*, and the said Articles of Agreement herein-before recited, and mentioned in the said Act of Parliament, and confirmed by the said Act in Trust nevertheless to convey and assure in Pursuance and in Performance of the said Articles, the said Mansion House, Gardens and Appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the *British Museum* on payment of the said sum of Ten thousand Pounds to

the said *George* Earl of *Halifax*, and *William Folkes*, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, and in further Trust, to lay out and dispose of the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, in manner as herein-after mentioned, that is to say, &c. &c.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on Payment of the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds by the said Trustees of the *British Museum* to the said *George* Earl of *Halifax*, and *William Folkes*, their Executors Administrators or Assigns, in consideration of their conveying and assuring the said Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances to the said Trustees of the *British Museum* as aforesaid, the Receipt or Receipts of the said *George* Earl of *Halifax*, and *William Folkes*, their Executors Administrators or Assigns to the said Trustees of the *British Museum*, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be a good and sufficient Discharge to the said Trustees for the same, and that they the said Trustees shall thereupon be and are hereby declared indemnified against all Demands from all and every or any Person or Persons whatsoever to whom or to whose use the said Mansion House Gardens and Appurtenances

have been limited or settled in or by the said last Will and Testament of the said *Ralph Duke of Montagu*, or the said recited Articles in the said recited Act, or the said recited Act confirming the same as aforesaid, And that the said Trustees of the *British Museum*, shall and may at all times after such Conveyance and Assurance made, and the Payment of the said Ten thousand Pounds Purchase Money as aforesaid, have, hold, and enjoy the said Capital Mansion House, Gardens, and Appurtenances, freed and absolutely discharged of, from, and against all and every the Uses, Estates, Trusts, Powers, Provisoos, Limitations, and Agreements limited, created, expressed and declared as aforesaid, of and concerning the same.

7 GEORGII. III. REGIS.

CAP. XVIII.

An Act to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to exchange, sell, or dispose of, any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities; and for laying out the Money arising by such Sale, in the Purchase of other Things that may be wanting in, or proper for, the said Museum.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An Act for the Purchase of the Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and of the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts; and for better providing One General Repository for the better Reception, and more convenient Use, of the said Collection, and of the Cottonian*

Library, and of the Additions thereto; it is, amongst other Things, enacted, that within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, One General Repository should be erected or provided in such convenient Place, and in such Manner, as the Trustees thereby appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, should direct, for the Reception not only of the said Museum, or Collection of Sir *Hans Sloane*, but also of the *Cottonian* Library, and of the Additions which had been or should be made thereto, by virtue of the last Will and Testament of *Arthur Edwards*, Esquire, in the said Act named, and likewise of the said *Harleian* Collection of Manuscripts, and of such other Additions to the said *Cottonian* Library as, with the Approbation of the Trustees by the said Act appointed, or the major Part of them, at a General Meeting assembled, should be made thereunto, in Manner therein-after mentioned; and of such other Collections and Libraries as, with the like Approbation, should be admitted into the said General Repository; and that the said several Collections, Additions, and Library, so received

into the said General Repository, should remain and be preserved therein, for publick Use, to all Posterity: And whereas the said Collections have been greatly increased by considerable Donations from his Majesty, and the Gifts of several Noblemen and others; and it is probable that great Additions will hereafter be made thereto: And whereas there are now, and there may hereafter be, in the various Departments of the *British Museum*, many Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, and other Curiosities, which it would be proper to dispose of, in order to make Room for others: May it therefore please Your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and their Successors, or any Five or more of them, at any Meeting assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to order any Duplicates of

Five or more Trustees are empowered to order any Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, &c. to be exchanged for Manuscripts, &c.

printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be exchanged for Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities; or to direct any such Duplicates of printed Books, Medals, Coins, or other Curiosities, to be sold or disposed of, and the Money to arise by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, and other Curiosities, that may be wanting in, or proper for the said Museum; the said herein before recited Act of Parliament, or any other Act, Matter or Thing, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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laid out in
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such as may be
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proper.

45 GEORGII III. REGIS.

Extract from an Act to repeal certain Parts of an Act made in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty for granting a Contribution on the Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices, and to consolidate and render more effectual the Provisions for collecting the said Duties.

Allowances to be made to the Trustees of the *British Museum*, and Exemptions allowed in the same Manner as now allowed to Colleges and charitable Institutions.

PROVIDED also, and be it further Enacted, That the like Allowances shall be granted to the Trustees of the *British Museum*, in respect to any Charge under Schedule (A.) to be made on the Lands and Tenements vested in such Trustees, as are granted to Colleges and other Proprietors mentioned in No. V. of that Schedule, and the like Exemptions shall be allowed in respect to any Dividends of Stock vested in such Trustees, or any of them, or in any other for their Use, as are granted to charitable Institutions by this

Act; and no Salary or Payment made or to be made out of His Majesty's Exchequer to such Trustees, for the Use of such Institution, shall be charged at the said Exchequer; provided all Salaries of Officers or Persons employed under the said Trustees shall be charged on the said Officers respectively.

45 GEORGII III. REGIS.

*An Act to vest the Townleian Collection of
antient Sculpture in the Trustees of the British
Museum for the Use of the Public.*

Recites the Act
of 26 Geo. II.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the Purchase of the Museum, or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane, and of the Harleian Collection of Manuscripts, and for providing One General Repository for the better Reception and more convenient Use of the said Collections, and of the Cottonian Library, and of the Additions thereto; the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of Great Britain, the Lord Treasurer of Great Britain, or the First Commissioner of the Treasury, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord*

Privy Seal, the Lord High Admiral of *Great Britain*, or the First Commissioner of the Admiralty, the Lord Steward of his Majesty's Household, the Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, the Bishop of *London*, each of the Principal Secretaries of State, being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Speaker of the House of Commons, each of the Principal Secretaries of State, not being a Peer or Lord of Parliament, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, the Master of the Rolls, the Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at *Westminster*, his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, the President of the Royal Society, and the President of the College of Physicians, severally for the Time being, and certain other Persons named or described in the said Act, or to be appointed under the Powers therein contained, were appointed Trustees, and incorporated by the Name of *The Trustees of the British Museum*, for putting the said Act into Execution, with such Powers and under such Directions as are therein expressed; and particularly, it was thereby enacted, That within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the

Suburbs thereof, one General Repository should be erected and provided for the Reception of the Collections and Libraries therein mentioned, and of such other Collections and Libraries as, with the like Approbation, should be admitted into the same, which several Collections, Additions, and Libraries so received into the said General Repository, should remain and be preserved therein for public Use to all Posterity :

Purchase of the
British Museum.

And whereas, under the Provisions of an Act of the Twenty-eighth Year of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for vesting Montagu House in Trustees and their Heirs, freed and discharged from all the Estates, Uses, and Agreements to which it at present stands limited and appointed upon Trust, to convey the same to the Trustees of the British Museum for a General Repository, and upon such other Trusts as therein are mentioned*; the capital Messuage or Mansion House heretofore called *Montagu House*, situate in *Great Russell Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Outhouses, Buildings, and Gardens belonging to the same, were duly conveyed and assured unto and to the Use of the Trustees

of the said *Museum*, by Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the Fourth and Fifth Days of *April*, in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-five, and made between the Right Honourable *George Dunk*, Earl of *Halifax*, and *William Folkes*, Esquire, (Trustees under the said last mentioned Act for carrying the Trusts thereof into Execution) of the one Part, and the Trustees of the said *Museum* of the other Part, and since that Time the said capital Messuage or Mansion House and its Appurtenances have been generally called or known by the Appellation of the *British Museum*:

And whereas *Charles Townley*, late of *Townley*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, Esquire, duly signed and published his last Will and Testament, bearing Date the Twenty-ninth of *November*, One thousand Eight hundred and Two, and did thereby devise the Manors and other Hereditaments situate in the said County of *Lancaster* therein particularly mentioned, and distinguished by the Name of *The Townley Estates*, to *John Trafford*, of *Trafford House*, in the said County, and *Stephen Tempest*, of *Broughton Hall*, in the County

November 22d,
1802, Will of
Charles Townley,
Esquire.

of *York*, Esquires, and their Heirs, to the Use of Sir *John Lawson*, Baronet, and *Thomas Eccleston*, Esquire, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the Term of Eight hundred Years, by the Ways and Means therein mentioned, to raise Money for the Payment of his Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Expences in Exoneration of his personal Estate, and for the Payment of certain Annuities; and after the Expiration of the said Term of Eight hundred Years, to the Use of *Edward Townley Standish*, Esquire, the Brother of him the said Testator during the Term of his natural Life, with a Limitation, &c. in Trust, to preserve the contingent Remainders therein after devised; and after his Decease, to the Use of the first and other Sons of the said *Edward Townley Standish*, severally and successively according to their respective Seniorities, in Tail; and in Default of such Issue, to the Use of *John Townley*, Esquire, the Uncle of the said *Charles Townley* the Testator, and his Assigns during his natural Life, without Impeachment of Waste; and after his Decease, to such Uses as the said *John Townley* and

Peregrine Edward Townley, Esquire, his Son, should by any Deed to be executed by them as therein is mentioned direct or appoint; and in Default of such Appointment, to the Use of the said *John Townley*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever: And the said *Charles Townley* did, by his said Will, bequeath to the said Sir *John Lawson* and *Thomas Eccleston* his Collection of Antient Marbles, which should be in or about or belong to his House in *Park Street, Westminster*, at the Time of his Decease, to hold the same unto the said Sir *John Lawson* and *Thomas Eccleston*, their Executors and Administrators, in Trust for the *British Museum*; provided that the Trustees or Managers for the Time being of that Institution should, within the Term of Two Years from the Time of his Decease, set apart a Room or Rooms, which then was or were, or which might thereafter be erected at the said *Museum*, sufficiently spacious and elegant to exhibit those Antiquities most advantageously to the Publick; such Room or Rooms to be exclusively set apart for the Reception and future Exhibition of the said Antiquities; and in some conspicuous Part of the said Room or Rooms, such a suitable

and appropriate Inscription to be made and fixed up, as the Trustees or Managers of the said *Museum* should deem proper. And that in case the said Trustees or Managers should decline to accept of that his Gift, or should not fully comply with the Conditions thereby imposed by him, then his Will was that the said Sir *John Lawson* and *Thomas Eccleston*, and the Survivor of them, and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor, should stand possessed of his said Collection of ancient Marbles in trust for the Testator's Brother, the said *Edward Townley Standish*, his Executors Administrators and Assigns, and the said Testator appointed the said *Edward Townley Standish* and *John Townley* the Executors of that his Will :

22d December,
1804. Codicil
to the Will of
the said Charles
Townley.

And whereas the said *Charles Townley* signed and published a Codicil to his said Will, which Codicil bears Date the Twenty-second Day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four, and by his said Codicil revoked the Trusts declared by his Will of the said ancient Marbles for the Benefit of the *British Museum* and the said *Edward Townley Standish*, and directed that the said Sir *John Lawson* and *Thomas Eccleston*, their Executors Admi-

nistrators and Assigns should stand possessed of the said Collection of antient Marbles upon the Trusts following, that is to say, in case his the Testator's Brother *Edward Townley Standish*, or his the Testator's Uncle *John Townley*, or his Heirs should, within Five Years from his the Testator's decease, expend not less than the Sum of Four thousand Five hundred Pounds in placing the said Marbles in a proper and suitable Manner for Exhibition in his Mansion House at *Townley*, or in the erecting and completing, or purchasing a Suite of Rooms for their Reception and Exhibition, to be added for the Purpose to, or being Part of any House to be built, purchased, or belonging to them or any of them in *London* then in Trust for the Person or Persons who by Virtue of or under the Limitations contained in his said Will should for the Time being be entitled to the Possession, or to the Receipts of the Rents, Issues and Profits of his *Townley* Estates, in his said Will mentioned: Yet so that for the Purpose of Transmission the same should not vest absolutely in any Son of his said Brother *Edward Townley Standish*, until such Son should attain to the Age of Twenty-one Years, or de-

part this Life under that Age, leaving issue inheritable under his said Will, or Born in due Time afterwards: And in case of the Death of his said Brother *Edward Townley Standish* without Issue Male, as expressed in his said Will, or in failure of such Issue then in Trust for his said Uncle *John Townley* and his Heirs: But in case his said Brother *Edward Townley Standish*, or his said Uncle *John Townley* or his Heirs should refuse or neglect to make such proper Provision for the Reception and Exhibition of the said Antient Marbles within the said Term of Five Years, then it was his Will and Mind that the said Sir *John Lawson* and *Thomas Eccleston*, their Executors Administrators and Assigns, should stand possessed thereof in Trust for the *British Museum*, subject to the same Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions as were contained in his said Will in Respect to the Trust therein declared for the *British Museum*, and in case the Trustees or Managers of the *British Museum* should not comply with such Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions then in Trust for his the said Testator's Executors and Administrators:

And whereas the said *Charles Townley* de-

parted this Life on the Third Day of January last, and the said Will and Codicil were duly proved by the said *Edward Townley Standish* and *John Townley* in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of *Canterbury*:

And whereas at the Time of the Decease of the said *Charles Townley*, the said *Townley* Estate, or some Part thereof, was subject to a Mortgage Debt of Thirty-six thousand Five hundred Pounds charged thereupon by Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing Date respectively the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Days of November One thousand Eight hundred and Two, &c. Whereby in consideration of the Sum of Thirty-six thousand Five hundred Pounds by the said *John Townley* advanced to or upon the Account of the said *Charles Townley*, the said *Townley* Estate, or some Part thereof, was conveyed by or by the Direction of the said *Charles Townley* unto and to the Use of the said *John Townley*, his Heirs and Assigns by Way of Mortgage for securing to the said *John Townley*, his Executors Administrators and Assigns the Sum of Thirty-six thousand Five hundred Pounds, with lawful Interest for the same:

And whereas the Collection of Antient Marbles bequeathed by the said Will and Codicil of the said *Charles Townley* was made by him with great Knowledge, Judgment and Care, and at a very considerable Expence, and is generally considered to be one of the most valuable Collections of ancient Sculpture, and on many Accounts is such a Property as is highly desirable to be possessed by the Public :

And whereas a Proposal having been made by the Trustees of the *British Museum* to the said *Edward Townley Standish*, *John Townley*, and *Peregrine Edward Townley* for the Purchase of the said Collection of Ancient Marbles and Terra Cottas at or for the Price or Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, and it having been represented to them that it was highly desirable the same should be possessed by the Public in a proper Repository generally open at proper Times and under suitable Restrictions to the Inspection of Artists, and the Curious in the fine Arts, they the said *Edward Townley Standish*, *John Townley*, and *Peregrine Edward Townley* consented to the said Proposal, and agreed to add to the said Collection the Bronze Statues of Apollo and

Hercules, which also belonged to and formed Part of the Collection of the said *Charles Townley*, on Condition that the whole of the said Collection should be kept together and open to Inspection as herein-before is mentioned, and called by the Name of the *Townleian* Collection :

May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain, or the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them shall, and he or they is and are hereby authorised and empowered out of any of the Aids or Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament for the Service of Great Britain for the Year One thousand Eight hundred and Five, immediately after the passing of this Act to issue and advance the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds to the Trustees of the *British Museum*, or any Person to be appointed by the said Trustees to receive the same, which Money shall be paid without any

Fee or other Deduction whatever, and shall be applied in the Purchase of the said Collection: And that the Trustees of the *British Museum* shall, on or before the First Day of September One thousand Eight hundred and Six, require the Delivery of the said Collection; and if the same shall be then delivered to them, and they shall be satisfied that the several Statues and other Articles forming the said Collection are then conformable with the Catalogue thereof deposited in the *British Museum*, signed by the said *Edward Townley Standish*, *Joseph Planta*, Esquire, Principal Librarian of the *British Museum*, and *Taylor Combe*, Esquire, another of the Librarians, and duly certified by them on the Third Day of July One thousand Eight hundred and Five, shall on the Delivery of the same into their Custody, pay the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds to the said *John Townley*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, towards the Discharge of his said Mortgage Debt of Thirty-six thousand Five hundred Pounds:

And be it further Enacted, That on payment of the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds the said Collection shall be vested in the

Trustees for the Time being of the said British Museum, and their Successors in perpetuity for the Purposes of the said Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, absolutely freed and discharged from all the Trusts, Powers, Provisoes, and Declarations, expressed or contained of or concerning the same by or in the said Will and Codicil of the said *Charles Townley*:

And be it hereby further Enacted, That the said Collection shall be preserved and kept together in the said *British Museum* whole and intire, and distinguished by the Name or Appellation of the *Townleian Collection*:

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Edward Townley Standish* shall be associated to the Trustees for the time being of the *British Museum*, in the Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by the said recited Act; And that upon the Decease of the said *Edward Townley Standish* it shall be lawful for his Sons severally, successively, and in remainder one after another, as they respectively shall be in seniority of Age and Priority of Birth, and the Heirs of

their respective Bodies, being of full Age, and for his her or their Guardian or Guardians, during his, her, or their respective Minorities, and in default of such Issue to and for the said *John Townley*, and his Heirs, being of full Age, and for their respective Guardian or Guardians during their respective Minorities, by any Writing under their respective Hands, to nominate some fit Person to supply the Place of the said *Edward Townley Standish*, or the last actual Trustee in the said Trust, when and so often as any Person so nominated shall happen to die :

And be it further Enacted, That the Trustee hereby appointed, or so to be appointed as herein-before is mentioned, shall have the like Powers in all Respects in the Execution of the Trusts reposed or to be reposed by the said recited Act, or any other Act, in the Trustees of the *British Museum*, as are or shall be by the said Acts, or any of them, given to the Trustees therein named or described :

And be it further Enacted, That until the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall be paid to the said *John Townley*, the same shall be laid out by the Trustees of the

British Museum in the Purchase of Navy or Victualling Bills, or Exchequer Bills, and the Money received for the same as they respectively are paid off by Government, shall be laid out in the Purchase of other Navy, or Victualling, or Exchequer Bills, and all the said Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills shall be deposited in the Bank in the Name of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, and shall there remain until the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall be payable to the said *John Townley*; And when the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall be payable to the said *John Townley* the said Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills shall be sold, and the Money which shall arise from the Sale thereof shall be paid to the Trustees of the *British Museum*, and be by them paid over to the said *John Townley*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, in the Discharge or Satisfaction of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds; and whatever the said Navy, Victualling, or Exchequer Bills shall produce over and beyond the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, shall at the same time be paid with the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds to

the said *John Townley*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, in or towards discharge of the Interest which shall have accrued on the said Mortgage Debt of Thirty-six thousand Five hundred Pounds.

47 GEORGII III. REGIS.

An Act to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to exchange, sell, or dispose of such Parts of the Collection, and under such Restrictions, as are therein specified.

WHEREAS amongst the several Collections and Additions thereto, which, from Time to Time, have been and may be placed in the *British Museum*, there now are, and hereafter may happen to be, some Articles which are unfit to be preserved therein : and it would be beneficial for the said Institution, that the Trustees thereof should have Power to select and dispose of such Articles either by Way of Exchange or Sale, so that such Articles, or the Produce thereof, be applied in obtaining other Things, which may be wanting in, or proper for the said *Museum* :

May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament as-

Trustees, at a Special Meeting, may order any Articles in the Museum to be exchanged or sold for the Purchase of others.

sembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and their Successors, or any seven or more of them (the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Chancellor of *Great Britain*, or Lord Keeper, and the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Time being, respectively, or any two of them being of the Number) present at any Meeting specially assembled for that Purpose, to order that any Articles in the said *Museum*, which they then adjudge to be unfit to be preserved therein, shall be exchanged for Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, Statues, or any Things more suited to the existing Collections and the Nature of the Institution, or to direct the same to be sold or disposed of, and the Money to arise by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of Manuscripts, Books, Medals, Coins, Statues, or other Things, which may be wanting in, or proper for the said *Museum*, any former Act of Parliament, or any other Matter to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

54 GEORGII III. REGIS.

Extract from an Act to amend the several Acts for the Encouragement of Learning, by securing the Copies and Copyright of printed Books, to the Authors of such Books, or their Assigns.

II. And be it further enacted, That Eleven printed Copies of the Whole of every Book and of every Volume thereof, upon the Paper upon which the largest Number or Impression of such Book shall be printed for Sale, together with all Maps and Prints belonging thereto, which, from and after the passing of this Act, shall be printed and published, on Demand thereof being made in Writing to or left at the Place of Abode of the Publisher or Publishers thereof, at any Time within Twelve Months next after the Publication thereof, under the Hand of the Warehouse-keeper of the Company of Stationers, or the Librarian or other Person thereto authorized by the Persons or Body Politic and Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Libraries following; *videlicet*, the

Eleven printed Copies shall be delivered on Demand within 12 Months after Publication, for the Use of certain Public Libraries.

British Museum, Sion College, the Bodleian Library at Oxford, the Public Library at Cambridge, the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh, the Libraries of the Four Universities of Scotland, Trinity College Library, and the King's Inns Library at Dublin, or so many of such Eleven Copies as shall be respectively demanded on Behalf of such Libraries respectively, shall be delivered by the Publisher or Publishers thereof respectively, within One Month after Demand made thereof in Writing as aforesaid, to the Warehouse-keeper of the said Company of Stationers for the Time being; which Copies the said Warehouse-keeper shall and he is hereby required to receive at the Hall of the said Company, for the Use of the Library for which such Demand shall be made, within such Twelve Months as aforesaid; and the said Warehouse-keeper is hereby required, within One Month after any such Book or Volume shall be so delivered to him as aforesaid, to deliver the same for the Use of such Library: And if any Publisher, or the Warehouse-keeper of the said Company of Stationers, shall not observe the Directions of this Act therein, that then he and they so making Default in not delivering or receiving the said Eleven printed Copies as aforesaid, shall forfeit,

besides the Value of the said printed Copies, the Sum of Five Pounds for each Copy not so delivered or received, together with the full Costs of Suit ; the same to be recovered by the Person or Persons, or Body Politic or Corporate, Proprietors or Managers of the Library for the Use whereof such Copy or Copies ought to have been delivered or received ; for which Penalties and Value such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, is or are now hereby authorized to sue by Action of Debt or other proper Action in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such printed Copy or Copies shall be demanded by or delivered to or for the Use of any of the Libraries herein-before mentioned, of the Second Edition, or of any subsequent Edition of any Book or Books so demanded and delivered as aforesaid, unless the same shall contain Additions or Alterations : And in case any Edition after the First, of any Book so demanded and delivered as aforesaid, shall contain any Addition or Alteration, no printed Copy or Copies thereof shall be demanded or delivered as aforesaid, if a printed Copy of such Additions or Alterations only, printed in an uniform Manner with the former Edition of such

No Copies of a Second or subsequent Edition, without Addition or Alteration, to be demanded ;

Additions to be printed, and delivered separate.

Book, be delivered to each of the Libraries aforesaid, for whose Use a Copy of the former Edition shall have been demanded and delivered as aforesaid: Provided also, that the Copy of every Book that shall be demanded by the *British Museum*, shall be delivered of the best Paper on which such Work shall be printed.

The Titles of all Books shall be entered at Stationers' Hall, within One Month after Publication.

V. And in order to ascertain what Books shall be from Time to Time published, be it enacted that the Publisher or Publishers of any and every Book demandable under this Act, which shall be published at any Time after the passing of this Act, shall, within One Calendar Month after the Day on which any such Book or Books respectively shall be first sold, published, advertised, or offered for Sale, within the Bills of Mortality, or within Three Calendar Months if the said Book shall be sold, published, or advertised in any other Part of the United Kingdom, enter the Title to the Copy of every such Book, and the Name or Names, and Place of Abode of the Publisher or Publishers thereof, in the Register Book of the Company of Stationers in *London*, in such Manner as hath been usual with respect to Books the Titles whereof have heretofore been entered in such Register Book, and deliver One Copy, on the best Paper as aforesaid, for the Use of the

British Museum; which Register Book shall at all Times be kept at the Hall of the said Company; for every of which several Entries the Sum of Two Shillings shall be paid, and no more; which said Register Book may at all seasonable and convenient Times be resorted to and inspected by any Person; for which Inspection the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid to the Warehouse-keeper of the said Company of Stationers; and such Warehouse-keeper shall, when and as often as thereto required, give a Certificate under his Hand of every or any such Entry, and for every such Certificate the Sum of One Shilling shall be paid; and in case such Entry of the Title of any such Book or Books shall not be duly made by the Publisher or Publishers of any such Book or Books, within the said Calendar Month, or Three Months, as the Case may be, then the Publisher or Publishers of such Book or Books shall forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, together with Eleven Times the Price at which such Book shall be sold or advertized, to be recovered, together with full Cost of Suit, by the Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate, authorized to sue, and who shall first sue for the same, in any Court of Record in the United Kingdom, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information, in which no Wager

of Law, Essoign, Privilege, or Protection, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed : Provided always, that in the Case of Magazines, Reviews, or other periodical Publications, it shall be sufficient to make such Entry in the Register Book of the said Company, within One Month next after the Publication of the First Number or Volume of such Magazine, Review, or other periodical Publication : Provided always, that no Failure in making any such Entry shall in any Manner affect any Copyright, but shall only subject the Person making Default to the Penalty aforesaid under this Act.

Warehouse-keeper of Stationers Hall to transmit to Librarians Lists of Books entered ; and call on Publishers for the Copies demanded.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Warehouse-keeper of the Company of Stationers shall from Time to Time and at all Times, without any greater Interval than Three Months, transmit to the Librarian or other Person authorized on Behalf of the Libraries before mentioned, correct Lists of all Books entered in the Books of the said Company, and not contained in former Lists ; and that on being required so to do by the said Librarians or other authorized Person, or either of them, he shall call on the Publisher or Publishers of such Books, for as many of the said Copies as may have been demanded of them.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Publisher shall be desirous of delivering the Copy of such Book or Volume as aforesaid, as shall be demanded on Behalf of any of the said Libraries, at such Library, it shall and may be lawful for him to deliver the same at such Library, to the Librarian or other Person authorized to receive the same, (who is hereby required to receive and to give a Receipt in Writing for the same ;) and such Delivery shall, to all Intents and Purposes of this Act, be held as equivalent to a Delivery to the said Warehouse-keeper.

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X. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That all Actions, Suits, Bills, Indictments or Informations for any Offence that shall be committed against this Act, shall be brought, sued and commenced, within Twelve Months next after such Offence committed, or else the same shall be void and of no Effect.

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EXTRACTS
FROM THE
JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

12 Geo. III.

Veneris, 20^o Die Martij, 1772.

Resolved,

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee,
That the Collection of Etruscan, Grecian,
and Roman Antiquities, brought from Italy,
by Sir *William Hamilton*, Knight of the most
honourable Order of the Bath, be purchased,
for the Use of the Public, and vested in the
Trustees of the *British Museum*.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee,
That a Sum not exceeding Eight thousand
Four hundred and Ten Pounds, be granted to
His Majesty, to enable His Majesty to pur-
chase for the Use of the Public the said

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Collection of Etruscan, Grecian, and Roman Antiquities.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Sum not exceeding Eight hundred and Forty Pounds be granted to His Majesty to enable the Trustees of the *British Museum* to provide a proper Repository for the Reception of the said Collection of Etruscan, Grecian, and Roman Antiquities.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Lunæ, 2^o Die Julij, 1804.

A PETITION of the Trustees of the *British Museum* being offered to be presented to the House ;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer (by His Majesty's command) acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the Contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the Consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read, setting forth, that His Majesty having been graciously pleased to Order the valuable Egyptian Antiquities which were acquired by His Majesty's victorious Arms during the late Expedition to Egypt, to be deposited in the *British Museum*, the Petitioners provided temporary Coverings for their Preservation, which, nevertheless, are found to be insufficient for protecting them from the Injury of the Weather; and it is apprehended that, unless better secured, they may, in a short Time, be materially Defaced, whereby His Majesty's gracious Intentions will be frustrated, to the Detriment of Science, and the Disparagement of these memorable Trophies of National Glory; and that the Petitioners, desirous to prevent Consequences so much to be regretted, have caused a Plan and Estimate to be prepared of an Addition to the present Building, for the Purpose of effectually preserving these valuable Monuments in a suitable Manner, as well as for the Reception of other important Specimens of the fine Arts already in their Possession, and to which, it is hoped, that material Additions may be made from Time to Time; but, as the Pe-

tioners are unable to proceed in the Execution of so necessary a Work, which, upon the most exact Computation cannot be completed at a less Expence than Sixteen thousand Pounds, without the Public Aid, they submit the whole Matter to the Wisdom and Munificence of Parliament, conceiving that they should be wanting to the Public in the Execution of the Trust with which they have been invested, if they omitted to represent these Circumstances, in confidence that an Institution so honourable to this Country, will never fail to receive the Support of the Legislature.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered,

That the Plan and Estimate referred to in the said Petition be laid before the House.

Martis, 3^o Die Julij, 1804.

The House being informed that Mr. *Planta* from the Trustees of the *British Museum*, attended at the Door, he was called in, and at the Bar presented to the House pursuant to their Orders,

No. 1. Resolutions of Two Special Committees respecting the Egyptian Antiquities; and also,

No. 2. Report of the Sub-Committee respecting the Egyptian Antiquities; and also,

No. 3. A Paper, intituled, "British Museum, 25th February, 1803, Estimate of the Amount of the proposed Additions;" and also,

No. 4. Resolution of the General Meeting on the Report of the Sub-Committee respecting the Egyptian Antiquities; and also,

Several Plans and Designs for additional Buildings to the *British Museum*.

And then he withdrew, and the Titles were read.

Ordered,

That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lunæ, 9^o Die Julij, 1804.

Ordered,

That the Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, which were presented to the House, upon the 2d Day of this Instant July, and also the several Papers and Plans relating thereto, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom it is referred to

consider further of the Supply granted to His Majesty.

Martis 10^o Die Julij, 1804.

Resolved,

That a Sum not exceeding Eight thousand Pounds be granted to His Majesty, towards enabling the Trustees of the *British Museum* to carry on the Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by Parliament.

45 Geo. III.

Martis, 12^o Die Februarii, 1805.

A PETITION of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, being offered to be presented to the House ;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer (by His Majesty's Command) acquainted the House, that His Majesty having been informed of the Contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the Consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read ; setting forth, That the Petitioners,

In the last Session of Parliament, presented to the House a Petition, submitting to their Consideration the necessity of providing a suitable Building for the Reception and Preservation of the Egyptian Antiquities, which His Majesty had been graciously pleased to place at the *British Museum*; and, that in Consideration of the Matters then stated by the Petitioners, they obtained from the Bounty of Parliament a Grant of the Sum of Eight thousand Pounds, for the Commencement of such Building according to the Plan and Estimate laid before the House, the Total of the Expense estimated for completing the same, amounting to the Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds; and that since the End of the last Session of Parliament, the Petitioners have caused the Foundations of the said Building to be laid, and are at this Time proceeding to the Execution of the said Plan; and that the further Sum of Eight thousand Pounds, being the Residue of the said Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds, will be soon wanting towards carrying on and completing the same, all which Matters they submit to the Wisdom and Munificence of Parliament.

Ordered,

That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mercurii, 13^o Die Februarii, 1805.

Ordered,

That the several Petitions of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, and the Accounts which were Yesterday presented to the House relating thereto be referred to the Committee of the whole House to whom it is referred to consider further of the Supply granted to His Majesty.

Jovis, 14^o Die Februarii, 1805.

Resolved,

That a Sum not exceeding Eight thousand Pounds be granted to His Majesty towards further enabling the Trustees of the *British Museum* to carry on the Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by Parliament.

Mercurii, 5^o Junii, 1805.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, being offered to be presented to the House ;

Mr. *Chancellor of the Exchequer* (by His Majesty's Command) acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, that, by the munificence of Parliament, the *Sloanian* and *Harleian* Collections of Books, Manuscripts, Records, Coins, Medals, Gems, and other rare and valuable Articles of Science and Literature, have been heretofore purchased at the public Expence, and placed as an Addition to the *Cottonian* Library, under the care and management of the Trustees of the *British Museum*; and that the Collection of *Etruscan, Grecian* and *Roman* Antiquities, belonging to the late Sir *William Hamilton*, was afterwards purchased by Parliament in like manner, and vested in the same Trustees, to be placed in the same general Repository; and that many large and valuable Benefactions of Books, Coins, Medals, and Specimens of Natural History, have since been received, from time to time, so as nearly to occupy the whole of the building assigned for those purposes; that when His Majesty was graciously pleased to direct that the

Egyptian Antiquities, obtained in the last War by the valour of His Majesty's Arms should be placed in the *British Museum*, a liberal Aid was granted by Parliament towards the Erection of a suitable Addition to the present Building, as well for the purpose of preserving these securely and conveniently, as also for the reception of other important Specimens of the Fine Arts, already in the possession of the Trustees, and to which it was hoped that material Additions might be made from time to time, which Building has been undertaken accordingly, and will be nearly completed in the course of the present Year ; and that the late *Charles Townley*, Esq. who was a Trustee of the *British Museum*, did in his life-time, by successful Exertions, and at a large Expence, during a long Course of Years, form a most valuable Collection of Antient Sculptured Marbles, which, for their perfect Condition, and exquisite Taste, far exceed any private Collection in this country, and are not surpassed (as it is believed) by any other of equal Extent in Europe ; and that the Family of the late *Charles Townley*, Esquire, to whom this Collection was bequeathed, in conse-

quence of a representation to them, that the preserving and exhibiting it to the public View in the Metropolis would be highly advantageous to the Cultivation of the Fine Arts, and at the same time honourable to the memory of their deceased Relation, have expressed their consent to surrender this Collection to the Public, if Parliament should be disposed to Purchase the same at the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, being (as they state) far less than its value, and if the like privilege were conferred upon their Family as was granted, in the like Cases, to the Families of Sir *Hans Sloane* and the Earl of *Oxford*, by vesting in the Heirs of the late *Charles Townley*, Esquire, the Power of nominating two Trustees of the *British Museum* in perpetual Succession; and that the Petitioners conceive it to be an Object of great National Importance for the Improvement of the Fine Arts, that a Collection of Antique Sculpture, of such acknowledged and unrivalled Excellence, should be acquired and preserved for Public Inspection and Use; and they have felt it the more incumbent upon them, to submit these Circumstances to the Consideration of Parliament, as they

believe it to be universally allowed, that a Collection in this Branch of the Fine Arts, to which Artists can have free Access, is much wanted in this Country, and as the additional Buildings, already provided for by the liberality of Parliament, have been planned in a manner the best adapted for receiving such a Collection, and exhibiting it to the greatest Advantage.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, to the House.

Mercurii, 19^o Die Junii, 1805.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it would be an Object of great National Importance for the Improvement of the Fine Arts, that a Collection of Antique Sculpture, of such acknowledged and unrivalled Excellence as that which is now offered to the Public, should be acquired and preserved for public Inspection and Use, particularly

if Measures were taken to afford Artists free Access to the said Collection.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds is a moderate Price for the Purchase of the said Collection.

Lunæ, 24^o Die Junii, 1805.

Resolved,

That the Collection of Sculptured Marbles and Terra Cottas, and certain Bronzes, of the late *Charles Townley*, Esquire, be purchased for the Use of the Public, and vested in the Trustees of the *British Museum*.

Resolved,

That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty Thousand Pounds, be granted to His Majesty, to enable His Majesty to purchase for the Use of the Public the said Collection; and that the said Sum be issued and paid without any Fee or other Deduction whatsoever.

30^o Die Junii, 1806.

Resolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum, not exceeding Seven Thousand

Five Hundred Pounds, be granted to His Majesty, towards further enabling the Trustees of the *British Museum* to carry on the Execution of the Trusts reposed in them by Parliament,* and that the same be issued and paid without any Fee or other Deduction whatever.

Lunæ, 29^o Die Junii, 1807.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum* being offered to be presented to the House ;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer (by His Majesty's Command) acquainted the House, that His Majesty having been informed of the Contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the Consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read ; setting forth, That the Trustees and Administrators of the Will of the late Marquis of *Lansdown* have proposed to the Consideration of the Petitioners, the Expediency of purchasing, for the Use of the Public, a valuable Collection of Manuscripts belonging to the said late Mar-

* Granted towards defraying the Expenses of the new Building.

quis of *Lansdown*, chiefly concerning the public Writings and Records of this Country, composed and collected by *William Lord Burghly*, Lord High Treasurer in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Sir *Julius Cæsar*, Master of the Rolls and Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, in the Reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James* the First, and other learned and eminent Persons; and that there is already in the *British Museum* a very valuable and extensive Collection of Manuscripts, important to the Public, for the Purpose of elucidating the History of this Country, and for furnishing Evidence of the Rights and Possessions of Individuals, to which the *Lansdown* Collection of Manuscripts would be a most valuable Addition; but that the Funds of the Petitioners, being insufficient for the common annual Expenditure of the *Museum*, without the accustomed Aid of Parliament, they are unable to provide for the Purchase of the said Collection of Manuscripts, and therefore praying the House to take the Matter into Consideration, and to adopt such Measures as to the House shall seem fit, for ascertaining the public Importance of adding the *Lansdown* Collection of Manuscripts to those already lodged in the *British Museum*, and also the Value of such Collection, and further to act therein as to the House shall seem meet:

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereon, and report the same as it shall appear to them, together with their Observations and Opinion thereof, to the House.

Veneris, 10^o Die Julii, 1807.

The Committee reported that the Manuscripts belonging to the late Marquis of *Lansdown*, would form a most valuable Addition to the Collection of Manuscripts already deposited in the *British Museum*; and that the Sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, being the average Sum at which the said Manuscripts have been valued by Persons competent to form a Judgment of their Value, and at which the Trustees to the Will of the said Marquis of *Lansdown* have offered the said Manuscripts to the Public, is a reasonable Price for the Purchase of the same.

Sabbati, 18^o Die Julii, 1807.

Resolved,

That a Sum, not exceeding Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds, be granted to His Majesty, to enable the Trustees

of the *British Museum* to purchase, for the Use of the Public, the Manuscripts belonging to the late Marquis of *Lansdown*, and that the said Sum be issued and paid, without any Fee or other Deduction whatsoever.

2^o *Die Julii*, 1808.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to order the Sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds to be advanced to the Trustees of the *British Museum*, for defraying the Expense of completing the new Buildings at the Museum, and assure His Majesty that this House will make good the same.

Ordered,

That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Lunæ, 26^o *Die Martii*, 1810.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum* being offered to be presented at the House ;

Mr. *Chancellor of the Exchequer* (by His Majesty's Command) acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the Con-

tents of the said Petition, recommends it to the Consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read, setting forth; That, by the Munificence of Parliament, the Sloanean and Harleian Collections of Books, Manuscripts, Records, Coins, Medals, Gems, and other rare and valuable Articles of Science, Literature, and Natural History, have been heretofore purchased at the public Expense, and placed, together with the Cottonian Library, under the Care and Management of the Trustees of the *British Museum*; and that many large and valuable Benefactions, and Purchases of Books, Coins, Medals, and Specimens of Natural History, have been since added thereto from time to time; and that, among other Acquisitions in Natural History, the Petitioners did, in the Year 1798, in Addition to the Minerals which made a Part of the Sloanean Collection, purchase from *Charles Hatchett*, Esquire, a large and valuable Collection of Minerals of every Class, procured by him during his Travels in various Parts of Europe; since which they have also received, by the Will of the Reverend *Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode*, amongst his other valuable Bequests, a further and very interesting Accession to the said Mineralogical Collection; and that

the *late Right Honourable Charles Greville* did, in his Life-time, collect, by Purchase, and by the Gifts of scientific Persons in various Parts of the World, an extensive and valuable Collection of Minerals, consisting of above Ten Thousand Specimens, comprehending almost every Species of Mineral hitherto described ; and that the said Collection, if added to those already lodged in the *British Museum*, will, in the Opinion of Persons eminently qualified to judge of such Matters, form a more complete and valuable Mineralogical Collection than is now known to exist in any Part of Europe ; and that the Honourable *Robert Fulke Greville*, being the legal personal Representative of the said late Right Honourable Charles Greville, is willing and desirous that the same should be purchased on the Behalf of the Public, under the Authority of Parliament, for the Purpose of its being deposited in the *British Museum*, in Consideration of his receiving such a Price for the same as shall, upon the fullest Enquiry, be deemed just and adequate, according to the Evidence of Persons the most competent to ascertain its fair and true Value ; and that the Petitioners conceive it to be an Object of great national Importance for the Extension and Improvement of the Science of Natural History, and the

Arts connected therewith, that a Collection of such acknowledged Excellence should be acquired and preserved for Public Inspection and Use ; and that the Petitioners, in Discharge of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament, have therefore deemed it to be their Duty humbly to submit this Matter to their Consideration.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to a Committee ; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them, together with their Observations thereupon, to the House.

22^o *Die Maii*, 1810.

Resolved,

That a Sum, not exceeding Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds, be granted to His Majesty for the Purchase of the Collection of Minerals late the Property of the Right Honourable *Charles Fulke Greville*.

Martis, 14^o *Die Aprilis*, 1812.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, being offered to be presented ;

Mr. *Chancellor of the Exchequer* (by command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent) acquainted the House, that His Royal Highness, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then a Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum* was presented and read; setting forth, that the Library of Printed Books at the *British Museum* is, in many important classes, very defective, and the deficiency has been particularly complained of in that part of the collection which respects the *British* Islands and the several Possessions of the *British* Empire, by persons conversant in this branch of Learning, who resort to the Library for information upon those subjects; and that the only Fund belonging to the Petitioners, applicable to the purchase of Books, Coins, and Medals, consists of Eight Thousand and Fifty-eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and one Penny, Old *South Sea* Annuities, given by the Will of *Arthur Edwards*, Esquire, yielding an annual income of Two Hundred and Forty-one Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Four Pence; and that the sum which has been usually granted by Parliament, except occasionally, for a specific object, has been calculated only for maintaining the establishment of Officers and Re-

pairs ; and praying the House to grant the Petitioners such gradual aid as may enable them to proceed in making the necessary purchase for completing the collection of Printed Books respecting the *British* Islands and the several Possessions of the *British* Empire.

25^o *Die Junii*, 1812.

Resolved,

That a Sum, not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, be granted to His Majesty, to enable the Trustees of the *British Museum* to proceed in making the necessary Purchases for improving the Collection of Printed Books respecting the British Islands, and the several Possessions of the British Empire ; and that the said Sum be issued and paid without any Fee or other Deduction whatever.*

Lunæ, 14^o *Die Junii*, 1813.

A Petition of *Diana Hargrave*, wife of *Francis Hargrave*, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel in the Law, Recorder of *Liverpool*, and Treasurer of the Honourable Society of *Lincoln's Inn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, being offered to be presented ;

* Grants to the same amount and for the same purpose were voted in the years 1813 and 1814.

Mr. *Chancellor of the Exchequer* (by command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent) acquainted the House, that His Royal Highness, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read ;

Setting forth, that the said *Francis Hargrave* is possessed of divers Books and Manuscripts, collected with great labour and at a considerable expense during the course of a long professional life, which Books and Manuscripts would form a valuable addition to the National Collection, having been selected with the greatest skill and judgment; and that, owing to the afflicting illness of the said *Francis Hargrave*, he is no longer able to follow his professional pursuits, whereby his family is in danger of being exposed to great difficulties; and praying the House, that the circumstances of the case may be taken into its kind and liberal consideration, and that the acquisition of the said Books and Manuscripts may be made for the Public upon such terms and for such consideration as to the House shall seem meet.

Jovis, 27^o Die Junii, 1813.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to a Committee.

Martis, 29^o Die Junii, 1813.

The Committee reported, That the said *Francis Hargrave*, named in the Petition, is possessed of a very large Collection of original Manuscripts, by persons deceased of the greatest weight and authority, and containing information of the highest value on Legal and Constitutional points.

That the said *Francis Hargrave* is likewise possessed of many Books of the most esteemed Authors in Law and Equity, some of them exceedingly scarce, and all collected with great skill and industry, and at a heavy expense.

That many of such Books are enriched by manuscript annotations in the hand-writing of the said *Francis Hargrave*, whereby their value has been greatly enhanced, obviously however not reducible to any fixed calculation.

That the said *Francis Hargrave* is now incapable of discharging the duties of his profes-

sion, so as to acquire support for himself and family, which has hitherto been derived altogether from his unremitted labour.

That he has been eminently serviceable to the Public, by the devotion of his time, talents and learning to the publication of several original works of acknowledged value, and to the editing of others, by which he has acquired great celebrity, and which have occupied many of the best years of his life; but that the sale of such Works has not been sufficiently extensive to repay the said *Francis Hargrave*, much less to afford him any profit.

That the said *Francis Hargrave* has at all times where occasion has offered, contributed gratuitously from the stores of his knowledge, and from the sources of which he is possessed, to the works of other learned men, for the public advantage.

That if the House shall think proper to vote a grant of the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds (which Your Committee conceive to be about the fair value of the whole of the said Collection) to be vested in Trustees for the benefit of the said *Francis Hargrave*, his wife and daughter, for the purpose of acquiring his Books and Manuscripts to be deposited, as public property, in the Library of the Honour-

able Society of Lincoln's-Inn, or elsewhere, it will be of essential service to the Public, &c. &c.

Jovis, 1^o Die Julii, 1813.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that He will be graciously pleased to give Directions that the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds be issued out of His Majesty's Civil List Revenues, to be applied towards the Purchase of the Books and Manuscripts of *Francis Hargrave*, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsel in the Law, for the public Use; and to assure His Royal Highness that this House will make good the same.

Martis, 7^o Die Junii, 1814.

A Petition of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, being offered to be presented;

Mr. *Long* (by command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent) acquainted the House, that His Royal Highness, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read; setting forth, that by the munificence of

Parliament a most valuable collection, consisting chiefly of antient sculptured marbles, formed with great taste and judgment by the late *Charles Towneley*, Esquire, was purchased at the public expense and placed under the care and management of the Trustees of the *British Museum*, and that in addition to the said collection of ancient marbles formed by the said *Charles Towneley*, Esquire, there was also collected by him a very extensive series of smaller antiquities of great variety and beauty, and that *Peregrine Edward Towneley*, Esquire, the present proprietor of this collection of antiquities, has declared his willingness to add them to the above-mentioned collection of marbles upon fair and reasonable terms, and the Petitioners conceive the acquisition of this collection would be attended with national advantages.

Ordered,

That the said Petition be referred to a Committee.

Veneris, 24^o Die Junii, 1814.

The Committee reported, That the Collection of Antiquities offered to the *British Museum*, exceeded in Value the Sum of Eight thousand Two hundred Pounds, the Price at

which it is offered : And, that the Medals and Coins of which it partly consists, would supply many existing deficiencies in the collection of those Articles now in the Museum ;—That many of the smaller articles among the Antiquities are illustrative of the Marbles formerly belonging to the late *Charles Towneley*, Esquire, and now in the Museum ;—and, that this Collection of Antiquities, if deposited in the *British Museum*, would be of considerable public Advantage.

Luncæ, 4^o Die Julii, 1814.

Resolved,

That a Sum, not exceeding Eight Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, be granted to His Majesty, for the Purchase of a Collection of Antiquities to be deposited in the *British Museum*, and that the said Sum be issued and paid without any Fee or other Deduction whatever.

STATUTES AND RULES

FOR THE

BRITISH MUSEUM,

ESTABLISHED AT

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES,

19th of November, 1814.

1814.

AT A COMMITTEE,

November 10, 1814.

Ordered,

THAT a new Edition of the Statutes and Rules be prepared, and that the same be referred to a Sub-Committee of the Trustees, consisting of the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Joseph Banks, and Mr. Rose.

At an Extraordinary GENERAL MEETING,

November 19, 1814.

THE Sub-Committee reported, That having examined the proof sheets of the proposed new Edition of the Statutes and Rules, they had found the same to be conformable to the last Edition of the year 1808, and to such subsequent regulations for the management of the Museum, as have been framed since the above date.

Resolved,

THAT the Edition of the Statutes and Rules thus prepared and continued to the present time, be approved and confirmed.

STATUTES *and* RULES *for the* BRITISH MUSEUM.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Meetings, Functions, and Privileges of the Trustees.

1. THERE shall be four General Meetings of ^{General Meet-} the Trustees at the Museum in every year, ings.
namely, upon the second Saturday in February,
May, July, and December.*

2. Besides the aforesaid General Meetings, it shall be in the power of any three Trustees, to call, at such times as they shall think expedient, Extraordinary General Meetings, by giving proper notice to the Principal Librarian, or in his absence to the Secretary; who is upon such notice to send the usual summons for that purpose to each of the Trustees.

* A general meeting must consist of Seven Trustees at the least. Vide 27 Geo. II.

CHAP. I.
Standing Com-
mittee.

3. For the better enforcing and carrying into execution the Orders and Rules that shall from time to time be made by the General Meeting, and also for the more easy management of all the affairs relating to the Museum, a Standing Committee, to be appointed by the Trustees in a General Meeting, shall always subsist; which Committee (whereof three shall be a quorum) shall meet at the Museum, on such stated day in every month as they shall appoint, and as much oftener as they shall judge to be necessary or expedient for the service of the Museum, and at such other times as they shall be summoned by order of any three Trustees signified as is expressed in the preceding Article; and all the Trustees who shall at any time come to the Committee, shall have voices in the said Committee.

4. The said Committee shall have power to make temporary orders in such cases as may seem of too little importance to require the immediate calling of a General Meeting, or on pressing emergencies, where there is not sufficient time to take the sense of a General Meeting; in all which cases they shall report such orders to the next General Meeting: but where the matter under their deliberation is of such consequence as to deserve the attention

and determination of a General Meeting, and the time will permit, they shall either cause one to be summoned for that purpose, or lay the same before the next General Meeting, as they shall judge most expedient.

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5. They shall also have power to affix the Seal of the Corporation to any application to Parliament for money, and also to the Memorial to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, requesting payment of the same ; provided notice shall have been given to every Trustee that the Committee is summoned for one of those purposes, specifying for which of them.

6. They shall also have power to settle and determine, or to refer to a General Meeting according as they shall think most proper, all disputes and differences among the officers, if any such should happen to arise, and cannot otherwise be accommodated.

7. They are also to inquire, as often as they shall think fit, into the conduct of all the officers and servants ; to receive from the Principal Librarian, or one or more of the subordinate officers, any scheme or proposal for the better ordering or managing the Museum, or any part of it ; as also any complaint of neglect in the management thereof, or of disobedience to the

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orders of the General Meeting or Committee; and give such directions therein as they shall think proper; and if they shall judge it to deserve the notice and consideration of a General Meeting, they shall lay the same before such Meeting.

8. They are also to give leave of absence to the officers, upon application from the said officers, and at such times as they shall think proper; provided that such leave of absence do not exceed the space of thirty days in one year, unless the case should appear to be of such importance as necessarily to require longer absence: and the said leave is not to be granted to more than four of the officers at the same time, nor to so many unless in cases of necessity; it being understood that there shall always remain one officer at least of each department resident in the house.*

9. They are also to overlook and examine the bills of tradesmen, and all other demands upon the Museum; and if they approve the

* By Stat. 26 Geo. II. no officer's place can be supplied by deputy, unless for occasional sickness or other cause of absence, approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chancellor, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, or any two of them.

same, to order the Expenditor* to pay them, or where they think it more proper, to make drafts upon such person as shall or may from time to time be appointed by the Trustees in a General Meeting to act as Banker, or Cashier, to the Corporation.

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mittee.

10. They are also to make drafts from time to time upon the said Cashier, or Banker, for the payment of the salaries of the officers, as also for such money as they shall think proper to be imprested to the Expenditor.

11. There shall be a general Visitation of the Museum by the Trustees on the day of the General Meeting, appointed to be holden on the second Saturday of May in each year : The Visitation to commence immediately after the conclusion of the business of the General Meeting ; but in case there shall not be a sufficient attendance of Trustees to constitute a General Meeting, the said Visitation shall nevertheless be made by such Trustees as shall be then present.

12. Besides the said annual Visitation, the Trustees in a General Meeting may appoint Visitations either of the whole, or any part of the Collection, as often and on as such days,

* See Chap. II. of these Statutes, § 1, and § 9.

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Visitation.

they shall think fit : ten days notice of the day and hour of every Visitation, whether general or partial, shall be sent by the Secretary to each of the Trustees.

13. Every Trustee shall have free access (as of right he ought) to any part of the Museum, and may take with him any number of persons he shall please to introduce ; but it shall be only during such time as the Museum shall be open to view.

14. Every Trustee who shall have occasion to consult any book, manuscript, or other part of the Collection, may require the article from the officer of the respective departments, and make use of the same in any part of the Museum he shall judge convenient, during the time that the Museum shall be open ; and upon his leaving the Museum, he shall return such book, manuscript, or part of the Collection, to the said officer.

15. And that the several Orders and Rules established hereby and from time to time by the Trustees in General Meetings may be more exactly observed and complied with, the several Trustees are requested frequently to visit the Museum itself at such times as the same shall be open to view.

CHAPTER II.

Concerning the Duties of the Officers.

1. **THE** Establishment of the Museum consists at present of the following officers and attendants, besides the subordinate servants :

Establishment
of Officers, &c.

1st. A Principal Librarian, who is likewise Expenditor.

2d. Four Under Librarians, having severally the custody and arrangement of their respective departments, *viz.*

Printed Books ; Manuscripts ; Natural History ; Antiquities, Coins and Medals, Drawings and Engravings.

3d. Four Assistant Librarians, namely, one to each of these departments, with the like duties as the Under Librarians, but subject to their direction respectively.

4th. A Secretary, who attends all Meetings of the Trustees, makes the minutes of their proceedings, and issues all summonses.

5th. An Accountant, who keeps the accounts of the Trust, and prepares all such as are required to be laid before Parliament.

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of Officers, &c.

6th. Five Attendants, who, under the directions of the Librarians, are to perform all menial services in the different departments ; and eight Extra Attendants who are stationed on open days in different parts of the house to prevent any trespass or irregularity on the part of the companies.

Apartments
and Residence.

2. The Principal Librarian, the four Under Librarians, and three of the Assistant Librarians, who have apartments allotted to them respectively,* are strictly enjoined to reside in them, unless when leave of absence is granted to them, according to the 8th Article of Chap. I. of these Statutes. And every Under Librarian who, upon his appointment, shall have obtained one of the apartments allotted to the Under Librarians, shall continue to occupy the same apartment so long as he shall remain in the situation of an Under Librarian ; and in like manner every Assistant Librarian who shall in succession have obtained one of the apartments allotted to that class of officers, shall continue to occupy the same apartments so long as he shall remain in the situation of an Assistant Librarian.

* The Junior Assistant Librarian has, for want of room no apartment allotted to him in the house.

3. The Principal Librarian being chiefly entrusted with the care and custody of the Museum, he is to attend in the Museum as constantly as shall be necessary for the discharge of his duty, and for putting in execution the orders of the Trustees which have any relation to him.

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Principal Librarian.

4. He shall take care that all the subordinate officers and servants perform their respective duties, and obey the orders which have already been, or shall hereafter be made by the Trustees; and also pay all reasonable attention that no irregularity be committed within the precincts of the Museum.

5. Upon extraordinary occasions, such as when persons of eminence, either for rank or learning, especially Foreigners, are desirous of inspecting the whole, or any part of the Museum, and shall make it appear that they cannot conveniently avail themselves of the usual mode of admission, the Principal Librarian shall be allowed to grant to such persons extraordinary admission; and he shall either attend them himself, or appoint some other officer to accompany them.

6. He shall also be allowed to grant temporary admission into the Reading Room, to such persons as apply during the intervals be-

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tween the Meetings of the Committee; such leave however to become void unless confirmed at the next subsequent Meeting.

7. He shall confirm the rotations of attendance agreed upon by the subordinate officers and attendants; and in case of sickness, death, or allowed absence of any of them, he shall supply their turns out of the other officers or attendants then in the house.

8. He shall be particularly vigilant as to any accidents by fire or theft, and enforce by every means in his power the regulations on those heads contained in the fourth chapter of these Statutes.

9. The Principal Librarian, if intrusted with the office of Expenditor to the Museum, shall in that capacity keep an exact account of all the imprests and expenditures, which account shall be audited at a General Meeting or Committee at least once a year. He shall likewise examine and check all bills sent in by tradespeople, (except those of the workmen, which are to be examined by the Surveyor,) and certify that the charges are duly made, and that the computations are accurate.

10. In case of sickness, death, or allowed absence of the Principal Librarian, the Secretary, if that office be holden by one of the

Under Librarians, or, if not, the senior Under Librarian in residence, shall be considered as his representative, and be empowered to exercise all the functions prescribed in the foregoing Articles.

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11. The subordinate officers are to aid and assist the Principal Librarian in all matters relating to his duty, in respect to the care and custody of the Museum ; and they are hereby strictly enjoined to give immediate notice to the Principal Librarian if any article in the Museum shall be lost or damaged.

12. The Under and Assistant Librarians are to be particularly careful that every thing within their respective departments be at all times preserved in good and exact order ; and that the apartments containing that part of the collection which is under their care, be kept as neat and clean as is consistent with the admission of persons to view and make use of the same.

Under and Assistant Librarians.

13. One of the Under or Assistant Librarians shall, according to a rota to be agreed upon among themselves, and confirmed by the Principal Librarian, be always in waiting in the Museum, and be considered as the directing officer of the day. He shall regulate the admission of visitors, according to the directions

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sistant Libra-
rians.

laid down in the following chapter ;* and shall likewise see that due order and decency be preserved by all persons in the Museum, either visitors or domestics.

14. Each of the above officers is to attend two days in the week during the Museum hours, either as such directing officer, or in discharge of Ordinary Duties of his department, according to a rotation to be settled among themselves, from time to time, subject to the approbation of the Principal Librarian.

Ordinary Duty
and Extra Ser-
vices of the Un-
der and Assist-
ant Librarians.

15. The Under and Assistant Librarian shall, upon their two days of Ordinary Duty in each week, respectively employ themselves in arranging scientifically, and in making catalogues of all additions that may be made, from time to time, to the collections entrusted to their care ; and also in re-arranging the old collections, and correcting the old catalogues, whenever either may stand in need of it : and in performing this duty, they shall be particularly careful to enter in the catalogues references to the places where the respective articles are deposited ; and also to note and affix on the said articles, the references made in the catalogues : and they shall severally report their progress in these works to the General Meetings, in July, December, and February of

* See Chap. III. of these Statutes, § 3.

each year, stating the progress made by them in their respective works, and specifying the point from which, as well as the point to which, their reports extend : besides which, they shall state annually to the Trustees, at their General Meeting, on the second Saturday in May (being the Visitation-Day) the whole of the work by them severally executed in the year then ended; laying before the Trustees at that time the several works which they have been employed upon in the preceding year, and in which they are then respectively engaged.

16. Every Assistant Librarian, hereafter to be appointed, shall be required to devote, during the first year after such appointment, the whole of his Extra time, *viz.* three mornings in each week (during such time as the Museum is open) without any Extra allowance, to the service of the Museum, in such manner as the Trustees or the Principal Librarian shall direct: and his Extra time in subsequent years shall be employed upon such Extra Work as the service of the Trust may require ; allowing him an Extra recompense for the same, according to its nature and amount.

The several persons employed upon Extra Services shall report their progress therein, from time to time, to the Principal Librarian, who shall certify the same in writing to the Trustees,

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and Extra Ser-
vices.

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Principal Librarian to certify the Execution of Ordinary Duty and Extra Services.

at their four General Meetings in every year ; together with his opinion thereupon as to the sufficiency of the execution of such Extra Services ; and also shall certify his opinion, in like manner, at the foot of the annual report made by them, which every officer is required to make of his progress in any work performed by him in the discharge of his Ordinary Duty.

17. As the proper management of the Reading Room is essentially important to the utility and credit of the Museum, it is particularly enjoined that one of the Under or Assistant Librarians do always attend in the said Room.* And the Trustees being particularly anxious that this duty be punctually executed, do strictly order that the officer, whose turn it shall be to attend in the said Room, do, on no account whatever, leave it without another officer having agreed, and being actually come to supply his place. And in order the better to enforce this important duty, the Messenger, or his Assistant, shall keep a book, in which he shall enter daily the name of the officer who has the whole, or any part of the day, attended the said Reading Room ; which book shall be laid before every meeting of the Standing Committee.

* Vide Chap. III. § 7.

18. The Principal Librarian shall keep a book, in which shall be entered the names of all those who have duly obtained admission into the Reading Room; and the duty of the officer in waiting shall be to take care that no one enter the Room without being duly authorised; to see that the readers are severally accommodated, and provided with such books or manuscripts as they may require; and to assist them, so far as may be in his power, in the objects of their research: he shall also see that they do not damage the books or manuscripts, or annoy any of the other readers.

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19. The Principal Librarian, and, at least, one officer of each department, shall give due attendance at all General Meetings of the Trustees; and all the officers shall be within the precincts of the Museum during the time of any visitation.

20. In framing these regulations, the Trustees are aware that it is impossible for them to define the duty of each officer with a sufficient degree of precision for all possible emergencies, in addition, therefore, to the above rules, it is to be considered as a general instruction to the several officers, that they do conduct themselves as becomes men of honour, integrity, and liberality, in the conscientious discharge of

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structions.

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structions.

the respective duties of their stations, and as men who have the credit and utility of this Institution truly at heart.

Qualifications
of Officers.

21. Upon every future vacancy in the offices of Principal, Under, or Assistant Librarian, the Secretary, at the time when he notifies such vacancy to the Three Trustees in whom the nomination or appointment is vested, shall (for the better enabling them to supply the place of such officer) inform them also of the particular loss to the Establishment, in respect of his knowledge of modern languages, and his ability to converse in them.

CHAPTER III.

Concerning the Admission into the British Museum.

1. THE Museum shall be kept open for public inspection every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in every week; except in the Christmas, Easter, and Whitsun-weeks, on Thanksgiving and Fast-days, and during the months of August and September. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Museum shall likewise be kept open for private parties.—The Museum hours are from ten till four, as well for viewing the Collections, as for admission to the Reading Room.

Days and Hours
of Admission.

2. Persons who wish to see the Museum, are to apply on any of those above-mentioned open days, in the ante-room of the house, between the hours of *ten* and *two*, where each individual will be required to inscribe his or her name, and place of abode, in a book to be kept for that purpose; upon which they will be shewn into the apartments as soon as the first rooms are sufficiently cleared for their admission.

Mode of Ad-
mission upon
open Days.

3. The officers of the Museum are authorized to exhibit the Museum during the open hours, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to such of

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open Days.

their friends, or persons of distinction for rank or learning, as may occasionally apply to them for a sight of the whole or any part of it; but in such cases they are required to attend the visitors personally.

4. The Principal Librarian, or the senior officer in residence, shall be authorized to grant admission, particularly to Foreigners, during the two months of vacation; one of the attendants being always in waiting to accompany them through the house.

5. It is expected that persons who visit the Museum be decent and orderly in their appearance and behaviour; the officers being instructed to refuse admission to, or to cause to withdraw, any person who shall disregard this caution. No children apparently under ten years of age will be admitted.

6. All strangers are required to leave their canes and umbrellas on their first entrance into the Museum.

Reading Room.

7. The Reading Room of the Museum shall be kept open from ten till four every day in the week, except Saturdays and Sundays, and for one week at Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide; and on Thanksgiving and Fast-days; and it shall be constantly attended by one of the Librarians in the manner above directed.*

* Vide Chap. II. § 16 and 17.

8. Persons desirous of admission into the said Room, are to send their applications in writing to the Principal Librarian, or in his absence to the Senior Under Librarian; these officers are to lay the same before the next General Meeting, or Committee of Trustees, who will, if they see no objection, grant admission for a term not exceeding half a year. But in all cases which may require such dispatch as that time cannot be allowed for an application to the Trustees, the Principal Librarian, or, in his absence, the Senior Officer in residence, shall be empowered to grant a temporary leave till the next General Meeting or Committee.

9. Persons who apply for admission to the Reading Room are to specify their descriptions and places of abode; and as it might be dangerous, in so populous a metropolis as London, to admit perfect strangers, it is expected that every one who applies, should produce a recommendation from a Trustee or an Officer of the House.

10. Every reader may, at the expiration of his term, apply for a prolongation of the same, without a fresh recommendation.

11. Readers are allowed to take one or more extracts from any printed book or manuscript; but no whole or greater part of a manuscript is

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to be transcribed without a particular leave from the Trustees. Transcribers are not to lay the paper on which they write on any part of the book or manuscript they are using.

12. No person is, on any pretence whatever, to write on any part of a printed book or manuscript belonging to the Museum ; but if any one should observe a defect in such book or manuscript, he is requested to signify the same to the officer in waiting.

13. Persons engaged in works of learning, or in the prosecution of any useful design, and having occasion to examine any part of the collection with more attention than can be done in the ordinary way of viewing the Museum ; or using the Reading Room, or having occasion to make a drawing of any thing contained in the Museum, are to apply to the Trustees in a General Meeting, or to the Standing Committee, for particular leave for that purpose ; who will give directions according to the circumstances of the case.

14. The respective officers whom it may concern, *viz.* either the Keeper of the Manuscripts, or the officer in the Reading Room, are charged to be particularly attentive in observing persons who may have occasion to inspect manuscripts, charters, deeds, or other instruments which are liable to be called for as evidence.

15. No part of the collections belonging to the Museum shall be at any time carried out of the precincts thereof; except such books, charters, deeds, or other manuscripts as are wanted to be made use of in evidence. In this case, application shall be made for leave to a Meeting of the Trustees; or, if limited for time, to the Principal Librarian; which leave being obtained, one of the Under or Assistant Librarians shall be allowed to carry out the article required; but he shall keep it constantly in his custody, and allow it to be inspected only in his presence; for this extraordinary trouble and attendance it is expected that a proper satisfaction be made him.

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16. The members of the Royal Academy and artists, as well professional as dilettanti, may have access at all admissible times to copy from the sculptures in the gallery of antiquities, upon application to the Trustees, or to the Principal Librarian, or the senior officer in residence; but it is expected that young artists, or students, produce recommendations from a professor of the Academy.

17. That one of the attendants be always present in the gallery during the times when persons are employed in taking copies.

18. The collections of coins, medals and

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prints shall not be shewn but by leave of a Meeting of the Trustees, or of the Principal Librarian; no person shall be admitted into the room to see them except in the presence of the Keeper of the Collection; nor shall more than three persons be admitted at the same time, without the Principal Librarian, or some subordinate officer of his appointment attending the whole time, together with the Keeper of the Collection; and in no case shall more than four persons be admitted at the same time.

19. No officer, attendant, or servant, shall take any fee, reward, or gratuity from persons visiting the Museum, or in any way making use of its contents; except in the above mentioned case of attending courts with evidence, or of being extra officially employed by readers to make searches or transcripts, when a proper compensation may be agreed for, subject to the approbation of the Principal Librarian.

Royal Family.

20. It is hereby intended and declared that none of the particular restraints concerning the inspection and use of the British Museum herein contained, are to be construed to extend to the Royal Family, whenever they shall do the Museum the honour of visiting it in person.

CHAPTER IV.

Concerning the Security of the Museum.

1. **THE** Museum shall at no time whatsoever be left without one at least of the officers within the same, or the precincts thereof, that proper orders may be given and due care taken for its preservation in case of fire, or any other accident which may endanger the building or its contents. In case of any such accident, the Principal Librarian, or, in his absence, the Secretary, or the next officer in rank who shall be in the Museum, shall be, and he is hereby empowered to give such orders as in his judgment will best conduce to the safety and preservation of the same.

Precautions
against Fire, &c.

2. Each of the officers shall pay particular attention to the security of his department; and for this purpose he shall see that after the companies leave the House, the windows and doors be properly secured, and that such care be taken of the fires in the stoves that no danger may arise therefrom. The Messenger and his Assistant shall likewise, under the direction of

CHAP. IV. the Principal Librarian, frequently visit the
Precautions
against Fire, &c. hall, passages, (especially those on the base
story,) and other places from whence danger
may be apprehended; they shall examine whe-
ther every part of them is safe from accidents
of any kind; and see that no person is lurking
therein; and in the performance of this duty
they shall, if requisite, be assisted by the Por-
ter and the two Watchmen, or any of them.

3. And since for this service, and for light-
ing the fires, or in case of accidents happening
in the night, it will or may be necessary that
lighted candles should be brought into the Mu-
seum, or body of the House, such lighted can-
dles for those uses shall be carried in lanthorns
to be provided for that purpose: but lighted
candles are never to be brought into the Mu-
seum on any other occasion or in any other
manner.

4. But if, notwithstanding all these precau-
tions, a fire should unfortunately break out in
the Museum itself, or in any of the buildings
thereto belonging, or even in the neighbourhood
thereof, or if any other accident should happen
whereby the Museum or collection should be in
danger, every officer or servant discovering it,
or being apprised thereof, shall immediately
give notice of it to all the other officers and

servants, who are forthwith to give their attendance and utmost assistance for the preservation of the Museum and its appurtenances; and also give immediate notice to such of the Trustees as live within a reasonable distance.

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5. The Principal Librarian shall take care that the engines for extinguishing fire, and the pipes belonging to them, be continually kept in good order; and that the reservoir over the engine house be always full, or nearly full of water. He shall also take care that the keys of the cases of the stop cocks (which, by the contract with the New River Company, are to be left in his custody) be always deposited in a proper place, where they may be come at in case any accident by fire should happen during his absence.

6. The Military Guard stationed at the Museum by command of His Majesty, are directed to preserve due order at and about the great entrance, and in the Courts and the Garden; and also to use their utmost exertions for the security of the premises, in case of fire, riot, or other occurrences, which may endanger their safety.

Original Appointment and Succession
OF
TRUSTEES and OFFICERS of the BRITISH MUSEUM.

TRUSTEES,

Forty-three, viz. 21 by Office, 7 by Family Appointment, and
15 Elected.

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Three Principal Trustees.

Offices.	Names. 1914.
The Archbishop of Canterbury.....	Dr. Charles Manners Sutton.
The Lord Chancellor.....	John Lord Eldon.
The Speaker of the House of Commons	The Right Hon. Charles Abbot.

And Eighteen Others.

The Lord President of the Council....	Dudley Earl of Harrowby.
The First Lord of the Treasury.....	Robert Banks Lord Hawkesbury.
The Lord Privy Seal.....	John Earl of Westmoreland.
The First Lord of the Admiralty.....	Robert Viscount Melville.
The Lord Steward.....	Geo. James Earl of Cholmondeley.
The Lord Chamberlain	Francis Marquis of Hertford.
The Principal Secretaries of State.	Henry Viscount Sidmouth.
	Robert Viscount Castlereagh.
	Henry Earl of Bathurst.
The Bishop of London.....	Dr. William Howley.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer.....	The Right Hon. N. Vansittart.
The Lord Chief Justice King's Bench..	Edward Lord Ellenborough.
The Master of the Rolls.....	The Right Hon. Sir W. Grant.
The Lord Chief Justice Common Pleas..	The Right Hon. Sir Vicary Gibbs.
The Attorney General.....	Sir William Garrow.
The Solicitor General.....	Sir Samuel Shepherd.
The President of the Royal Society....	The Rt. Hon. Sir Jos. Banks, Bt.K.B.
The President of the Coll. of Physicians.	Dr. John Latham.

FAMILY TRUSTEES.

7.

Sloane Family, 2.

1753 Charles Lord Cadogan.

— Hans Stanley, Esq.

- 1779 Charles Sloane Lord Cadogan..... v. Charles Lord Cadogan.
 1780 Rt. Hon. Welbore Ellis, (Ld. Mendip) v. Henry Stanley.
 — Hans Sloane, Esq..... v. Lord Mendip.

Cotton Family, 2.

1753 Samuel Burroughs, Esq.

— Thomas Hart, Esq.

- 1757 Philip Earl of Hardwicke..... v. Thomas Hart, Esq.
 1764 Velters Cornwall, Esq..... v. S. Burroughs, Esq.
 — Hon. Charles Yorke..... v. Earl of Hardwicke.
 1768 John Bosworth, D. D..... v. V. Cornwall, Esq.
 1770 Francis Barrell, Esq..... v. Hon. C. Yorke.
 1772 Francis Annesley, Esq..... v. F. Barrell, Esq.
 1786 Sir George Cornwall, Bart..... v. J. Bosworth, D. D.
 1812 Rev. Arthur Annesley..... v. F. Annesley, Esq.

Harley Family, 2.

1753 William Duke of Portland.

— Edward Earl of Oxford.

- 1755 Edward Earl of Oxford..... v. Earl of Oxford.
 1764 Wm. H. Cavendish Duke of Portland v. Wm. Duke of Portland.
 1793 W. H. C. Scot Duke of Portland... v. Earl of Oxford.
 1813 Rt. Hon. George Canning..... v. Wm. H. Duke of Portland.

Towneley Family, 1.

1805 Edward Towneley Standish, Esq.

- 1807 John Towneley, Esq..... v. E. Towneley Standish, Esq.
 1814 Richard Payne Knight, Esq..... v. J. Towneley, Esq.

ELECTED TRUSTEES,

15.

First
Election
1753.

Archibald Duke of Argyle.
 Hugh Earl of Northumberland.
 R. H. Lord Charles Cavendish.
 Hugh Lord Willoughby of Parham.
 Hon. Philip Yorke.
 Sir George Littleton, Bart.
 Sir John Evelyn, Bart.
 William Sloane, Esq.
 James West, Esq.
 Nicholas Hardinge, Esq.
 Charles Gray, Esq.
 William Sotheby, Esq.
 Thomas Birch, D. D.
 John Ward, LL. D.
 Mr. William Watson.

Succession.

1761 Right Hon. Arthur Onslow.....	v. Duke of Argyle.
— Gustavus Brander, Esq.	v. N. Hardinge, Esq.
1765 John Earl of Bute	v. John Ward, LL. D.
— James Harris, Esq.	v. Sir John Evelyn, Bart.
— Daniel Wray, Esq.	v. Lord Willoughby of Parham.
1766 Charles Littleton Bishop of Carlisle ..	v. Thomas Birch, D. D.
— Matthew Duane, Esq.	v. William Sotheby, Esq.
1767 Hans Sloane, Esq.	v. William Sloane, Esq.
1768 William Earl of Besborough	v. Rt. Hon. Arthur Onslow.
1769 Hon. Edwin Sandys (Lord Sandys) ..	v. Bishop of Carlisle.
1772 Richard Kaye, D. D.	v. James West, Esq.
1773 Henry Cavendish, Esq.	v. Sir George Lyttleton.
1783 Sir William Hamilton, K. B.	v. James Harris, Esq.
— Sir William Musgrave, Bart.	v. Charles Gray, Esq.
1784 Rev. Clayton Mordaunt Cracherode, M. A.	v. Lord Charles Cavendish.
1784 Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq.	v. Daniel Wray, Esq.
1787 Heneage Earl of Aylesford.	v. Matthew Duane, Esq.

Succession.

1787 George Earl of Leicester (Marquis Townshend)	v. Earl of Northumberland.
— John Douglas Bishop of Salisbury . . .	v. Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq.
— Thomas Astle, Esq.	v. Gustavus Brander, Esq.
1791 Charles Townley, Esq.	v. Mr. William Watson.
* — George John Earl Spencer	v. Earl of Hardwicke.
1793 Augustus Henry Duke of Grafton . . .	v. Earl of Bute.
— Right Hon. Frederick Montagu	v. Earl of Besborough.
* 1797 Lord Frederick Campbell	v. Lord Sandys.
* 1799 Shute Barrington Bishop of Durham	v. Rev. C. M. Cracherode.
* 1800 John Marquis of Bute	v. Sir W. Musgrave, Bart.
1801 Alexander Earl of Rosslyn	v. Rt. Hon. Fred. Montagu.
* 1803 Philip Earl of Hardwicke	v. Hans Sloane, Esq. appointed a family Trustee.
* 1804 Right Hon. Sir William Scott	v. Sir W. Hamilton, K.B.
* — Right Hon. George Rose	v. Thomas Astle, Esq.
1805 George Earl of Macartney	v. Charles Townley, Esq.
* — Alleyne Lord St. Helens	v. Earl of Rosslyn.
* 1806 George Grenville Levison Gower Mar- quis of Stafford	v. George Earl of Macartney.
* 1807 William Windham Lord Grenville . .	v. John Douglas Bishop of Sa- lisbury.
1810 Thomas Dampier Bishop of Ely . . .	v. Sir Richard Kaye, Bart.
* — John Ashburnham Earl of Ashburnham	v. Henry Cavendish, Esq.
* 1811 Dudley Earl of Harrowby	v. A. H. Duke of Grafton.
* 1812 Sylvester Lord Glenbervie	v. George Marquis Townshend.
* — Right Hon. Charles Long	v. Thomas Bishop of Ely.
* — George Earl of Aberdeen	v. H. Earl of Aylesford.

OFFICERS.

1.

SUCCESSION.

Principal Librarians.

1756 Gowin Knight, M. B.

1772 Matthew Maty, M. D.	v. Gowin Knight, deceased.
1776 Charles Morton, M. D.	a. Matthew Maty, deceased.
1799 Joseph Planta, Esq.	v. Charles Morton, deceased.

Those marked thus * were the Fifteen Trustees in Office in the year 1814.

*Under Librarians.**Succession.*

1756 Charles Morton, M. D.	Manuscript Department.
— James Empson, Esq.	Natural History Department.
— Matthew Maty, M. D.	Library of Printed Books.
1765 Rev. Samuel Harper, M. A.	v. J. Empson, deceased.
1773 Daniel Charles Solander, M. D.	v. Dr. Maty, promoted.
1776 Joseph Planta, Esq.	v. Dr. Morton, promoted.
1782 Rev. Paul Henry Maty, M. A.	v. Dr. Solander, deceased.
1787 Edward Whitaker Gray, M. D.	v. P. H. Maty, deceased.
1799 Rev. Robert Nares, M. A.	v. J. Planta, promoted.
1803 Rev. William Beloe, M. A.	v. S. Harper, deceased.
1806 Henry Ellis, Esq. LL. B.	v. Rev. Wm. Beloe, dismissed.
1807 Taylor Combe, Esq. M. A.	Promoted to the new department of Antiquities.
— George Shaw, M. D.	v. Dr. Gray, deceased.
— Francis Douce, Esq.	v. Rev. Robt. Nares, resigned.
1812 Rev. Hen. Harvey Baber, M. A.	v. Francis Douce, Esq. resigned.
1813 Charles Konig, Esq.	v. George Shaw, deceased.

Assistant Librarians.

1756 Henry Rimus, Esq.	Natural History.
— Rev. Samuel Harper, M. A.	Printed Books.
— Andrew Gifford, D. D.	Manuscripts.
— William Hudson, Esq.	v. H. Rimus, deceased.
1758 Rev. Andrew Planta, M. A.	v. W. Hudson, resigned.
1765 D. C. Solander, M. D.	v. A. Planta, removed to the Printed Books.
1773 John Obadiah Justamond, Esq.	v. Dr. Solander, promoted.
— Joseph Planta, Esq.	v. A. Planta, deceased.
1776 Rev. Paul Henry Maty, M. A.	v. Joseph Planta, promoted.
1778 Edward Whitaker Gray, M. D.	v. J. O. Justamond, dismissed.
1782 Rev. Charles Godfrey Woide, LL. D.	v. P. H. Maty, promoted.
1784 Rev. Richard Southgate, M. A.	v. A. Gifford, deceased.
1787 Rev. Samuel Ayscough,	v. Dr. Gray, promoted.
1791 George Shaw, M. D.	v. Dr. Woide, deceased.
1795 Rev. Robert Nares, M. A.	v. R. Southgate, deceased.
1799 Rev. Thomas Maurice, M. A.	v. R. Nares, promoted.

1803	Taylor Combe, Esq. M. A.....	v. R. Penneck, deceased.
1805	Henry Ellis, Esq. LL. B.....	v. S. Ayscough, deceased.
—	Horace Walpole Bedford, Esq.	v. Taylor Combe, promoted.
1807	Rev. Henry Harvey Baber, M. A. ...	v. Henry Ellis, promoted.
—	Charles Konig, Esq.....	v. Dr. Shaw, promoted.
1808	William Alexander, Esq.	v. H. W. Bedford, deceased.
1812	Rev. James Bean, M. A.	v. Rev. H. H. Baber, promoted.
1813	William Elford Leach, M. D.....	v. Charles Konig, promoted.

Keepers of the Reading Room.

1758	Peter Templeman, M. D.	
1761	Rev. Richard Penneck, D. B.	v. Dr. Templeman, resigned.
1803	The duties of this Office were made over to the Assistant Librarians ; and in 1805 to the Under and Assistant Librarians.	

Secretaries.

1787	Edward Whitaker Gray, M. D.	
1806	Edward Bray, Esq.	v. E. W. Gray, resigned.
1814	Henry Ellis, Esq.	v. E. Bray, Esq. deceased.

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PERSONS IN OFFICE IN THE YEAR 1814.

	Years when appointed.
PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN. Joseph Planta, Esq.....	1799
Who is likewise EXPENDITOR.	
UNDER LIBRARIANS.	
Department of Manuscripts,—Henry Ellis, Esq. LL. B.	1812
— of Printed Books,—Rev. Hen. H. Baber, M. A.....	1812
— of Natural History,—Charles Konig, Esq.....	1813
— of Antiquities,—Taylor Combe, Esq. M. A.	1807
ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.	
Department of Manuscripts,—Rev. Thomas Maurice, M. A.	1799
— of Printed Books,—Rev. James Bean, M. A.....	1812
— of Natural History,—Wm. Elford Leach, M. D.	1813
— of Antiquities,—William Alexander, Esq.	1808

SECRETARY.	Henry Ellis, Esq.	1814
SURVEYOR.	George Saunders, Esq.	1801
ATTENDANTS.	S. Hehl	1807
_____	J. L. Phillipps	1808
_____	J. Young	1808
_____	J. Bygrave	1810
_____	J. Cates	1810
_____	W. Church	1811
GARDENER.	James Dickson	1781
MESSANGER.	James Alloway	1797
PORTER.	James Thurston	1794
ASSISTANT MESSENGER.	Charles Stewart	1810

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Acts and Votes of Parliament, relating to the brits Museum with the
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